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Sirocco Sweeps N. Italy

RAIN, SNOW, FLOODS

Milan, To-day.

A sirocco that swept across part of northern Italy yesterday was accompanied by heavy falls of snow and rain.

Severe floods occurred throughout the area as a result.

In Milan itself, the water was as much as three feet deep in the main square of the town, and gondolas appeared in the streets, turning the town into a resemblance of Venice.

In the business district many workers were marooned in their offices and the electricity supply failed for a short time.

The flood later subsided as quickly as it had appeared and the town resumed its normal appearance.

Considerable damage, however, is reported.—Trans-Ocean.

HUNGARY HIT

Budapest, To-day.

Inhabitants of the Sajo River valley are suffering from the worst floods in living memory.

Nearly 20,000 acres of land has already been inundated, many houses destroyed and hundreds of families rendered homeless.—Trans-Ocean.

Two Brigades Sent To N. W. Frontier

New Delhi, To-day.

In view of the general unrest in Waziristan, two brigades of British troops have been ordered to the frontier as a precautionary measure.

The movement is not connected with any contemplated operations but is designed to provide for immediate reinforcement of the normal garrison in Waziristan if the unrest develops into active hostility.—Reuter.

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TO CROSS VAST OCEAN EXPANSES

Oakland (Cal.), To-day.

Miss Amelia Earhart, famous American aviator, yesterday announced that weather permitting she would start on her East to West round-the-world flight at 5 p.m. on Sunday or 5 p.m. on Monday, local time.

MISS EARHART, WHO HAS FLOWN THE ATLANTIC TWICE AND MADE THE ONLY SOLO FLIGHT FROM HAWAII TO CALIFORNIA, PLANS TO ENCIRCLE THE GLOBE AT THE EQUATOR IN HER 27,000-MILE FLIGHT.

Yesterday she passed the Department of Commerce blind-flying test with top marks.

It will be the first round-the-world flight by a woman and the first globe-encircling flight in equatorial regions by any pilot.

Miss Earhart, who is the wife of Mr. George Putnam, the publisher, is using a specially equipped Lockheed Electra monoplane, fitted with two Wasp engines.

Flying Laboratory

Presented to her by the Purdue University, the machine has been described as the "flying laboratory." It has a range of 4,000 miles and some of the latest mechanical aids to flying are installed.

Captain Harry Manning, a veteran officer of the American merchant marine and a well-known amateur flier, is accompanying her.

The route of the flight will be California to Port Darwin (Australia), via Honolulu, Howland Island and New Guinea, India, Aden, Dakar, Port Natal (Brazil), Mexico and back to the United States.

In Three Weeks

Although not out for records she hopes to complete the flight in three weeks.

The most spectacular round-the-world flights so far accomplished were by the late Wiley Post, who with Harold Gatty, in 1931 flew round the world in the northern hemisphere (about 15,450 miles) in 8 days 15 hours 51 minutes, and who flew alone two years later over a distance of 16,500 miles in 7 days 18 hours 50 minutes.

To-day's weather forecast:—North-East winds; moderate; cloudy.

Baldwin Might Have Drafted It

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
"THE BILL MIGHT WELL HAVE BEEN WRITTEN AT NO. 10, DOWNING STREET BY THE ENGLISH PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF."

"It means turning over all trade in the Atlantic to British shipping and robbing the American mercantile marine of a livelihood."

In these scathing terms, Mr. Hamilton Fish, New York Republican, opposed the McReynolds Neutrality Bill when the House of Representatives yesterday began consideration of the measure.

The Bill differs from the Pittman Neutrality Bill passed by the Senate, and proposes permanent continuation of the present temporary neutrality laws, which expire on May 1.

It also proposes to permit the President to prohibit the export of war materials to belligerents at his own discretion.—Reuter.

Coronation Goodwill Offering

London, To-day.

Among benefactions amounting to £80,000 made by Lord Clanley, the well-known shipowner and sportsman, as a goodwill offering in commemoration of the Coronation of King George VI is £15,000 for the University College of South Wales.—British Wireless.

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HON. MR. R. A. C. NORTH'S SPEECH AT PO LEUNG KUK MEETING

A meeting of the Po Leung Kuk Permanent Board and Committee was held at the Po Leung Kuk yesterday for the purpose of electing a Committee for the coming year. The Chair was taken by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Chairman of the annual Committee, and the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North) addressed the meeting.

In the course of his speech, Mr. North said:—

Since the last similar meeting we have suffered, through her death, the loss of one of our Lady Visitors.

It is more than thirteen years since Mrs. Kotewall became a visitor to the Po Leung Kuk. Great changes have taken place since then, and I, for one, feel that the inspiration behind those changes came in no small degree from those ladies who have worked so quietly and efficiently for the comfort and happiness of the inmates of the Po Leung Kuk.

We miss her very much; and no words which I can use would be adequate to express our gratitude for her help and for the example which she set us all.

I wish to acknowledge the debt of gratitude which the whole community of Hong Kong owes to Mr. Tam and his colleagues.

Chairman's Task

We who are present know a great deal about the work done by the Annual Committee. We know for example that the management of the Home and of its finances is only a small part of it. We know how much time is spent daily on the investigation of problems some of which, such as family quarrels, have no connection with the traffic in women and children, to combat which the Po Leung Kuk was founded. But the general public does not always realise this. It does not know, for instance, that since Mr. Tam's Committee took office, more than 745 letters have passed between the Committee and the Chinese Secretariat, and that each of these letters deals with the affairs of several individuals, or that the Chairman has attended no less than 258 meetings during the year, the vice-chairman 254 and several other members more than 200 each. I was glad therefore to read in the recently published report of the Mui Tsai Commission a well-deserved tribute to the work of the Committee.

Commission's Proposal

The Mui Tsai Commission in their report make two recommendations which concern the Po Leung Kuk. One is that a separate building should be provided as a refuge for prostitutes. This is an interesting proposal but it is not on the agenda of this meeting. The other is a suggestion that we should consider the inclusion of ladies in the membership of the annual Committee.

This is not of course a new proposal. It has been under consideration for some time and I have no doubt that it would have been made in any cause from within the membership of the Kuk, if not this year, then next year. You have already, at a meeting recently held, decided to accept the recommendation in principle and I should like

to congratulate you on your decision. As to the possibility of securing suitable candidates I do not think that there can, in these enlightened days, be any lack of them, as soon as the first step is taken. I have just returned from the Conference held in Java under the auspices of the League of Nations to which the Republic of China sent eight delegates, four of whom were women. I do not think that the women of Hong Kong will prove backward.

New Committee

The Committee for the coming year was elected as follows:—

Messrs. Au Shiu-cho, Luk Oi-wan, Lo Tung-fan, Mrs. Tam Chu Sui-yin (Mrs. Tam Woon-tong), Messrs. Chan Cheuk-man, Cheung Lan-chau, Kwok Lam-pat, Lam Chik-ho, Tsang Hin-hung, Wong Cheuk-hing, Wong Chi-po and Li Kwok-ying.

Swedish Air Force Orders In Britain

Stockholm, Yesterday. The Swedish air force has placed orders for a large number of modern pursuit planes with British armament firms, according to the newspapers here.

The papers state that a fund of 235,000 crowns has been placed at the disposal of the Swedish government by Swedish banks, insurance companies and other business concerns.—Trans-Ocean.

Imperial - Airways' New Service

Istanbul, Yesterday. Imperial Airways will shortly open a regular air service between the principal Turkish and Greek cities, says a semi-official announcement here.

Aerial communication between the two countries ceased entirely when the concession granted by the Turkish Government to the Italian "Aero Express" for operation of a service between Athens and Istanbul, expired last year.—Trans-Ocean.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRAGEDY

A tragic case of the results of unemployment was revealed recently. The tragedy concerned Mr. Percy Hardman of Manchester, aged 59, who was discovered hanging in the cellar of his home.

At one time, he was a Manchester buyer to a firm of furniture dealers. For a year after he had lost his job, the man concealed the misfortune from his wife. He left home every morning, pretending he was going to work, but actually to hunt for it.

Then on the day when, unknown to him, he had been found a post, he was discovered hanging in the cellar of his home.

After the inquest, at which a verdict of "suicide with insufficient evidence to show the state of mind" was recorded, the heart-broken widow remarked that her husband had never told her anything. He was always cheerful and whistling about the house, and every week he gave her housekeeping money.

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THAT FOOLISH FEELING.	
"LIMELIGHT"	
BC10133.—UNDER YOUR SPELL	Henry Busse and Orch.
NEVER SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU.	
"PENNIES FROM HEAVEN"	
BC10117.—LET'S CALL A HEART A HEART	Bing Crosby.
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GROWTH OF THE KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY

NET EARNINGS DOWN BUT FIXED CURRENCY BETTERS OUTLOOK

Reference to the history of the Company was made at the 50th annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., held at the office of Messrs. Jardine Matheson yesterday.

Presenting the report, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Chairman, said that the Company commenced in 1886, under the present name, by taking over property from the P. and O. Steam Navigation Co.; Jardine, Matheson and Co. and the Hongkong Wharf Godown and Cargo Boat Co. The driving force was Sir Paul Chater. The capital then was \$1,700,000 and the property consisted of 278,200 square feet (about 6½ acres) of land, godowns with storage space for 11,500 tons, three wharves allowing 2,200 feet for berthing ships and ten launches and lighters.

To-day we have 1,202,000 square feet (27½ acres) of land, godown space for 340,000 tons, berths with 6,650 feet available for berthing vessels and a fleet of 110 launches and lighters.

In 1887 the cargo landed amounted to 80,000 tons, whilst last year 670,000 tons were landed from ships alongside and in the stream.

For a number of years there was a large traffic in yarn from Bombay from which the Company derived good revenue both from landing and storage. In 1920 there was a stock of over 100,000 bales of yarn on storage. This trade, has almost entirely disappeared, for to-day we have 950 bales on storage, of which only 220 came from India.

The typhoon of 1906 staggered the Company a good deal when two launches and 27 lighters were lost and two wharves were swept away. The year following this blow was the only year funds were not available to pay a dividend.

Year's Earnings

The net earnings for the year under review amounted to \$321,048.26, which is \$45,764.65 less than the previous year. This decrease is due to a further falling off in revenue from storage, the receipts being \$51,000 less than for 1935. At our last meeting, I had to report a decrease of \$168,000 in this department.

Storage earnings commenced to fall in 1933, coinciding with the continued fall in exchange. Since then merchants have continued to draw from their stocks, awaiting a settled state of local currency, and have recently been trading on the "hand-to-mouth" principle. Now that the dollar has been apparently practically fixed it is hoped that ample stocks will be carried on storage. Wharf work also suffered a drop to the extent of \$43,000 whilst there were increases in receipts for wharfage lighterwork.

During the year, 972 steamers berthed at the wharves and landed 618,723 tons of cargo, this being an increase of 47 ships to go alongside whilst there was a decrease in cargo of 40,035 tons. Shipping Companies now realise that greater satisfaction is obtained by discharging at a wharf than at a buoy. Quicker despatch is given a vessel when alongside and the cargo is soon under cover and in safety.

Hit By Strike

The American shipping strike hit us very severely, the last American ship to call with cargo in 1936 did so on November 15. The President Hoover came back to us on February 26 and thus you will observe we were without any shipping from the United States for three and a half months, six weeks of this lack being in the year under review and two months in 1937.

At a recent Board meeting your directors decided to increase the charges for landing cargo by 20 per cent. No increase has been made for some years past but in the meantime working expenditure has advanced considerably, and an increase is now necessary and justified. Notwithstanding this increase, our cargo handling rates are still lower than at any other port in the Far East.

A serious typhoon passed over the Colony in August but your property escaped damage and due to the timely notice being given by the Royal Observatory we succeeded in getting our

fleet of 101 lighters to safe anchorage before the blow reached the Harbour. We recently had driven at the ends of two wharves clusters of piles, to take the first weight of vessels when berthing, and these have proved very successful in protecting ships and wharves. They are greatly appreciated by ships' masters and it has been decided to drive similar dolphins off the other wharves.

While on the subject of wharves I may mention that the leases of all the piers come up for renewal in 1949. You are no doubt aware that this Company owns the land from which the piers run out. The Crown leases for the land are for 999 years.

In the accounts there does not appear to be anything that calls for special comment, except perhaps the disposal of the profit on sale of new shares which were not taken up by shareholders when offered in 1935. This amount is added to repairs and renewals account.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed.

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and carried.

Other Business

On the proposition of Mr. G. B. S. Thomson seconded by Mr. D. Mackenzie, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. T. B. Wilson were confirmed in their appointment to the Board of Directors.

On the proposition of Mr. G. W. Sewell seconded by Mr. G. Castle, the following were re-elected to the Board: the Hon. Mr. Dodwell, Mr. Drummond, Mr. M. T. Johnson and Mr. Felix A. Joseph.

On the proposition of Mr. J. D. Danby seconded by Mr. C. A. L. Rickett, the following auditors were elected: Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Messrs. Linstead and Davis.

Among those who attended the meeting were: Hon. Mr. Paterson (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Dodwell, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. Frank Austin, A. H. Compton, D. Drummond, J. E. Jensen, M. T. Johnson, Felix A. Joseph, and T. B. Wilson (Directors); Messrs. F. N. Crapnell (Secretary), G. W. Sewell, F. Shriver, D. Mackenzie, G. B. S. Thomson, G. Castle, J. D. Danby, C. A. L. Rickett, and A. N. Mackenzie (shareholders).

His Excellency the Governor has approved the relinquishment of his commission as Lieutenant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps by Lieutenant Nelson Victor Halward, M.C., M.A., with effect from 17th February, 1937.

CHURCHES

TO-DAY'S SERVICES

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

(Branches of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.)
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Sunday Service, 11.15 a.m.
Subject:—"SUBSTANCE"

Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located at Bank of East Asia Buildings, 10 Des Voeux Road, Central, and is open daily, except Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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All authorised Christian Science Literature is available at the

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The Public is cordially invited to attend the Services and visit the Reading Room.

Mr. Muddlecombe:
Comedy Sketch
In B.B.C. Relay

To-day's Wireless

Alfred Piccaver
With
Fritz Kreisler

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Songs by Leslie Hutchinson.
1.20 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
1.30 p.m.—Renter Press, Rugby Press; local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Music Comedy.
2 p.m.—Dance Hits of To-day.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—12 midnight—European Programme.
7 p.m.—A Light Concert.
Choral—
Now is the month of Maying
(Morley, arr. Fellowes).
The English Singers.
Pianoforte—
Arabesque No. 1 in E.
Arabesque No. 2 in G (Debussy).
Marguerite Long.
Songs—
I know of two bright eyes
(Clutsam).
I'll sing thee songs of Araby

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(Wills and Clay).
Ben Davies (Tenor).
Viola Solo—
Venetian Gondola Song No. 1
(Mendelssohn).
Lionel Tertis.
Alto Saxophone Solo—
Variations sur Malborough
(arr. Combelle).
Marcel Mule.
Songs—
Sleepy River.
Song of Freedom (Ansell).
Paul Robeson (Bass).
7.30 p.m.—Hong Kong Stock Exchange
Summary and Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Regimental Band of H. M.
Coldstream Guards.
"Swan Lake" Ballet (Tchikowsky).
Marche Heroique de Szabady (Masse-
net, arr. Dan Godfrey).
The Soloist's Delight (Godfrey).
Selection of Wilfred Sanderson's
songs.

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—A Variety Programme.
Vocal—
Pennies from Heaven.
Bing Crosby.
Hawaiian—
Waiting to the Guitar.
Len Fells.
Vocal—
Sweetheart, let's grow old together
Kitty Masters.
Piano Solo—
Sugar Rose.
Carroll Gibbons and His
Boy Friends.
Vocal—
"Land Without Music" Medley.
Webster Booth with
The Lindonell Three.
8.25 p.m.—London—Robb Wilton as
Mr. Muddlecombe, J. P., in "The
Court of Not-So-Common, Please!"
By Adrian Thomas. (Electrical Re-
cording).
8.45 p.m.—A Variety Programme (con-
tinued).
Slow Fox-Trot—
Love me.
Quick-Step—
Crooning.
Gerry Moore, (Piano).
Vocal—
Queen of Hearts.
Gracie Fields.

Vocal—
Just one word of consolation.
Bing Crosby.
Instrumental—
A musical journey from New York
to California.
Ken Harvey, (Banjo).
Vocal—
Plaisir d'Amour (Love's Joy).
Jessica Dragonette.
Piano Solo—
"Whoopie"—Medley, Raie da Costa.
Vocal—
I'm putting all my eggs in one
basket.... The Boswell Sisters.
Slipping through my fingers.
Jessie Matthews.
9.15 p.m.—London—News and An-
nouncements.
9.35 p.m.—Alfred Piccaver (tenor) with
Fritz Kreisler and His Violin.
Tenor Solos—
I heard you singing, (Coates).
Trusting eyes (Gartner).
Violin Solos—
Variations (Tartini—Kreisler).
Andantino (Padre Martini—
Kreisler).
Tenor Solo—
Wait! (D'Harlet, Salmon).
Violin Solos—
Polichinelle Serenade (Kreisler).
Fair Rosemary (Kreisler).
Tenor Solo—Beauty's eyes.
10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.
A Relay of Dance Music from the
Grill-Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.
12 midnight—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

White Elephant

A profusion of trumps is, to the average contract player, what oriental pearls are to the normal woman. They are feared for wistfully and [if and when acquired] guarded zealously. Yet, on numerous occasions, a trump becomes much more like a white elephant than a pearl. Then the burning question is how to get rid of it.

To-day's hand, contributed by one of the world's outstanding analysts, Geoffrey Mott-Smith, is a perfect illustration of the "white elephant principle."

South, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

S-K 10
H-9 8 7 3
D-J 10 7 5 3
C-A Q

WEST

S-Q 8 7 4
H-Q J 10 4
D-K Q 6
C-K 7

EAST

S-9 5
H-A K 6 5 2
D-9 3
C-J 10 5 2

SOUTH

S-A J 6 3 2
H-None
D-A 4 2
C-9 8 6 4 3

The bidding:

South West North East
1 spade Pass 1 no tr'p 2 hearts
3 clubs 3 hearts Double Pass
4 clubs 4 hearts 4 spades Pass
Pass Double [final bid]

The bidding was just about as bad as one could find in a month's peregrinations among the weaker bridge games in backward sections of the country. South's first bid, although shaded, was not bad, but his subsequent rebids were nothing less than ghastly. North's first response should have been two diamonds. His two pips honour tricks compensated for his weak diamond suit. East "stuck his neck out," even though not vulnerable, in bidding two hearts. West was ultra-conservative in giving only a single raise. He should have jumped to four hearts at his first opportunity.

Declarer ruffed the opening lead of the heart queen and took the club finesse. The queen holding a second heart was ruffed and the club ace used as entry for a ruff of the third heart. Then a third round of clubs was led and ruffed with dummy's spade ten. West cor-

rectly discarding a heart in order to prevent declarer from ruffing another heart with another low trump. Now declarer returned to his hand with the diamond ace and led a fourth club, obviously intending to ruff with dummy's king. West, seeing no necessity to force a ruff that would be taken voluntarily, discarded his queen of diamonds. After ruffing with the spade king declarer played a diamond from dummy which West had to win and, now having nothing left but trumps, West was forced to play away from his queen up to declarer's blank ace-jack. Thus declarer made his horribly overbid contract.

After the opening lead it was difficult to hold the declarer to less than ten tricks, but far from impossible. West would have required no great foresight to see what was coming and, after having properly discarded a heart [for the reason given above] on the third lead of clubs, should have rid himself of one of his precious trumps on the fourth lead, retaining his king and queen of diamonds. Had he done so simple co-operation on East's part would have defeated the contract.

When declarer ruffed the fourth club with the king of spades only a diamond or a heart could have been led from the dummy. The latter suit would be covered by East and, if declarer ruffed with the jack, West would overruff. If declarer discarded East simply would lead a trump and thus prevent South from cashing his jack of trumps. If declarer led a diamond from dummy West would, as before, be on lead, but he then would have another diamond with which to exit. Then, if East were on his toes, he would ruff this exit card and return a trump, with the result just described.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: If a player is short a card during the play and the card is found later, but in the meantime the player has revoked three times because of the missing card, is he penalised—two tricks for the first revoke and one trick for each thereafter?

Answer: A player is penalised only two tricks for revokes because of a missing card, no matter how often he has revoked because of it.

What's On At the Cinemas

COMING PICTURES

AT THE STAR—"Little Lord Fauntleroy", with Dolores Costello Barrymore, Freddie Bartholomew, C. Aubrey Smith, Guy Kibbee and Mickey Rooney. The familiar story adapted to the screen, is laid in the America and England of 1885 and depicts the softening influence of Fauntleroy's devotion upon his irascible of old grandfather, the Earl of Dorincourt.

KING'S AND ALHAMBRA—"The Great Ziegfeld"—A great motion picture revue that has been acclaimed the screen's best entertainment. William Powell has the title role, giving the best performance of his career, Myrna Loy and Luise Rainer. The notable cast includes Virginia Bruce, Frank Morgan, Nat Pendleton, Reginald Owen, Jean Chabourn, Reginald Cossard and Herman Bing.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Hollywood Party", with Stan Laurel, Oliver Hardy, Mickey Mouse, Jimmy Durante and Lupe Velez. A lively revue.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Old Hutch", with Wallace Berry, Eric Linden, Cecilia Parker, Elizabeth Patterson and Robert McWade. The adventures of the laziest man in town, following his discovery \$100,000.

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AMBULANCE BRIGADE CHIEF VISITING COLONY

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Colonel Sleeman, Chief Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, arrives in the Colony by the s.s. Cathay on Thursday next, on an inspectional visit of the local Association and Brigade. Colonel Sleeman has just completed a similar tour of India and Malaya.

He is a well known game hunter and during his stay in India he "bagged" several tigers.

During his visit to Hong Kong, Colonel Sleeman will be entertained by several members of the European and Chinese community. He will be present, with His Excellency the Governor, at the annual inspection on March 30, and at the Brigade Dinner in the evening.

Colonel Sleeman is departing on the Ranchi on April 3.

On Monday next, the Nursing Divisions of the Brigade are giving a farewell tea party to Mrs. Langley, the Corps Secretary and District Officer, who is leaving for Home on the s.s. Ranchi. Mrs. Langley is retiring from Government service, having joined the Education Dept. in 1917.

Tenders have been invited for the demolition of the Old Market at Wanchai.

When an R.A.F. flying-boat caught fire in Portland Harbour four of the crew jumped into the sea and swam to a mooring buoy. The captain, Flying-Officer Davies, and Pilot-Officer Johnson, remained in the machine and were unhurt. The crew were rescued by a naval launch, and Leading-Aircraftman Chivers, of Devonport, was taken to hospital suffering from the effects of his immersion. According to an official statement, the outbreak was caused by short-circuiting of leads, and the superstructure was seriously damaged.

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NOVELIST'S SON A "MORAL COWARD"

Son Of Late Joseph
Conrad

The affairs of Mr. Alfred Borys Conrad, elder son of the late Mr. Joseph Conrad, the novelist, came before Mr. Registrar Kean, at the London Bankruptcy Court.

An application was made for an order for his discharge.

Mr. H. H. Gaine, Assistant Official Receiver, reported that the estate had realised \$550 and a dividend of four and five-sixteenths pence in the pound had been declared on liabilities of £16,156.

On the death of his father, in August, 1924, Mr. Conrad became life-tenant of one-fifth of the income from Mr. Conrad senior's estate, but not, to a greater extent than \$500 a year.

He then owed \$3,000 through betting and gambling losses, and personal extravagance. He borrowed \$2,500 from the trustees under his father's will, and \$500 from his mother for payments to his creditors. He had subsequently reduced those claims.

Soon after his father's death he was again in financial difficulties and borrowed from a moneylender. Early in 1926 he lost \$600 by betting on horses.

"Extremely Bad Case"

The failure was attributed to personal extravagance, losses by betting and gambling, loss on the purchase and sale of second-hand motor-cars, and heavy interest on borrowed money.

The Assistant Official Receiver further reported that Mr. Conrad had fraudulently converted to his own use £1,100, and that he had been guilty of grave misconduct in his motor-car dealings.

After hearing Mr. A. Marlow in support of the application, Mr. Registrar Kean said it was an extremely bad case. But for certain features in it he would have felt bound to refuse the discharge.

He had come to the conclusion that Mr. Conrad was, at the time, more of a moral coward than a fraudulent schemer. He was not strong enough to withstand the evil influence of the war. The discharge would be suspended for a further period of three years.

CRYSTAL PALACE FOR ARMS

At a rough estimate between 12,000 and 20,000 tons of scrap will be removed from the 24-acre site of the burned-out Crystal Palace. Tenders for the work are being asked for.

Sir Henry Buckland, general manager, said that the work of clearing the site would take at least six months.

"The scrap is very valuable," he said. "Armament firms want the steel and puddled iron, of which there are large quantities."

"There has been no decision as to what the site will be used for. We have extensive plans on paper, but there is still the question of finance to be settled. Until we know where the money is coming from we cannot make up our minds."

Nearly 80,000 On Madrid Front

Caballero Protests To The League

Madrid, To-day.

An estimate that there are 80,000 Italians and 40,000 Germans in Spain, was given yesterday by an Italian, Major Luciano Sylva, who was taken prisoner by the loyalists earlier in the week.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY THE AUTHORITIES, MAJOR SYLVA IS ALLEGED TO HAVE DECLARED THAT OF THIS FORCE FROM 40,000 TO 60,000 ITALIANS ARE FIGHTING ON THE GUADALAJARA FRONT.

ANOTHER PRISONER, ON THE OTHER HAND, ESTIMATED THAT THE TOTAL ITALIANS IN SPAIN DID NOT EXCEED 40,000.

A private among the prisoners stated that he embarked thinking he was going to Abyssinia, only to be told he was going to Spain after the ship had sailed.

According to the statement of another private, an Italian private's pay in Spain is five pesetas a day, of which he has to pay back three pesetas for food.

He added, however, that the Italian Government is paying their families twenty lire a day.

Rain And Snow

In the meantime bitter cold, rain and snow is hampering activities on the Madrid front, where the loyalists claim that an insurgent attack yesterday morning north of the Guadalajara road was checked. Insurgent activity is increasing north-west of Madrid, while the capital itself was heavily bombarded, most of the shells falling in the centre of the city.

German Warships

From Berlin comes a message stating that the German battleship "Admiral Scheer" will proceed to Spanish waters in a day or two to join the battleships "Graf Spee" and "Deutschland" and the cruisers "Koeln" and "Leipzig."

This force will observe that part of the Spanish coast allotted to Germany in the control scheme.

The men-of-war will be assisted by a flotilla of German fishing vessels. These craft will be officially incorporated in the German navy on Sunday.

From London it is announced that members of the Spanish control office will consist of representatives of Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Norway, Poland, Yugo-Slavia and Russia, who will be appointed by the representatives of these countries on the committee.

Official Posts

Following the meeting of the non-intervention committee a statement was issued confirming the appointments of Admiral Vandulm and Rear-Admiral Olivier as Chief Ad-

ministrators of the combined land and sea control scheme and chief maritime administrator of the scheme, respectively.

Secretary of the international board for non-intervention will be Mr. Francis Hemming (Britain), while the chief administrator in France will be Colonel Lunn (Denmark).

It has been arranged that Admiral Vandulm and Colonel Lunn will arrive in London on Monday to take up their duties.—Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

Complaint To League

Valencia, To-day.

The Spanish Cabinet is informing the League of Nations of the alleged violation of the non-intervention agreement by the presence of several Italian divisions in Spain.

The Italians are particularly numerous on the Madrid front, where it is stated here that they number 25,000.

An Italian taken prisoner stated that he was no volunteer but had been mobilised hurriedly by the Government for service in Spain soon after his return from the Abyssinian campaign.—Reuter.

ST. PATRICK'S BALL.

Glittering colours and stirring Irish dances marked the annual ball of St. Patrick's Society held at the Peninsula Hotel last night, and attended by Lady Caldecott and many other distinguished guests.

One of the big social functions of the year, the ball was attended by over 500 people and its outstanding success was due, in no small measure, to the presence of in the Colony two Irish battalions, whose pipers enlivened the proceedings and crated just the right atmosphere.

The hotel was tastefully decorated throughout, with green predominating.

An excellent buffet supper was served, the official party being piped in by men of the Inniskilling Fusiliers. The traditional toasts, "The King" and "The Immortal Memory" were honoured.

GERMANY'S REPLY ON LOCARNO

HANDED TO THE EMBASSY

Simultaneous Step
By Italy

ADVANCE CLAIMED

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE GERMAN AND ITALIAN REPLIES TO THE BRITISH LOCARNO MEMORANDUM WERE HANDED TO THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN BERLIN AND ROME, RESPECTIVELY, YESTERDAY.

It is officially stated that both replies were drafted after mutual consultation.

A German commentary issued in Berlin says that according to well-informed circles, the German memorandum "again expresses Germany's positive attitude towards a western pact, and takes another step towards strengthening European security."

"German again clearly defines the idea of Locarno, namely the guaranteeing of the Franco-German frontier with British and Italian support."

It is thought possible that the reply contains some kind of new guarantee proposals, but it is believed that the German attitude to the Franco-Soviet Pact is unchanged.—Reuter.

Ambassador Calling

London, To-day.

The German Ambassador, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, is calling at the Foreign Office this morning.

The visit is probably being made in connection with the German reply on the proposed western pact, handed to the British Ambassador in Berlin by the German Foreign Minister, Baron von Neurath, yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

Japan has granted licences for import of 300,000 bales of wool from Australia.

Sideswomen have been elected at Galley Hill, Kent, parish church, for the first time.

General Sir Hubert Gough is "going on very well" after an operation.

The Raw Materials Conference Adjourns

DELEGATES HOLD COLONIES NOT A CAUSE OF SHORTAGE

Geneva, To-day.

Possession of colonial territories is definitely ruled out as responsible for the raw materials problem.

THIS ATTITUDE WAS TAKEN AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE RAW MATERIALS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY, WHEN IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT FOODSTUFFS AND FODDER WERE TO BE CONSIDERED AS RAW MATERIALS AS MUCH AS INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS.

The committee adopted a seven-point report, which can be summarised as follows:

1. Foodstuffs and fodder are to be included in the scope of the enquiry.
2. All raw materials, whether colonial or metropolitan, must be taken into consideration.
3. Restriction of supply.
4. "Open door" regimes.
5. Co-ordination of supply and demand.
6. Questions of substitutes.
7. The situation in certain countries owing to rapid increase in population and difficulties in the way of immigration.

The last five points are stated to be for further consideration.

ADJOURNS TILL JUNE

The committee intends to continue its studies in the hope to frame some outline of what is required in the interests of all countries.

The next session of the full committee will meet on June 21.—Reuter.

Cheap Money In London

The total amount applied for in tenders for £45,000,000 treasury bills was £38,450,000. The average rate per cent. for bills at three months was 10/4.95d. against 10/8.67d. a week ago.—British Wireless.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

Sunday's Service

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all churches of Christ, Scientist, tomorrow, March, will be "substance".—The Golden Text will be: "If we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." (Romans 8:25.)

Among others, the following citations from the Bible will be read: "And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the Lord thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king. And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart; And turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are vain. Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you." (I Samuel 12: 19-21, 23, 24.)

The Lesson Sermon will also include the following passages from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:—

"Spirit is the only substance and consciousness recognized by divine Science. The material senses oppose this, but there are no material senses, for matter has no mind. In Spirit there is no matter, even as in Truth there is no error, and in good no evil. It is a false supposition, the notion that there is real substance-matter, the opposite of Spirit. Spirit, God, is infinite, all. Spirit can have no opposite. That matter is substantial or has life and sensation, is one of the false beliefs of mortals, and exists only in a supposititious mortal consciousness. Hence, as we approach Spirit and Truth, we lose the consciousness of matter. The admission that there can be material substance requires another admission, namely, that Spirit is not infinite and that matter is self-creative, self-existent, and eternal. From this it would follow that there are two eternal causes, warring forever with each other; and yet we say that Spirit is supreme and all-presence. We define matter as error, because it is the opposite of life, substance, and intelligence. Matter, with its mortality, cannot be substantial if Spirit is substantial and eternal." (Page 278.)

NOTICE

Thursday, April, Christian Science Lecture will be given by Mr. Frank Bell of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship at 6 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.—All are welcome.

Chinese Christian Fellowship

The next service will be held on Sunday, at St. Paul's Church Social Hall at 8 p.m. The Speaker will be the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong. On Sunday, 21st March, the speaker will be Mr. L. W. Amps, of Messrs. Logan & Amps.



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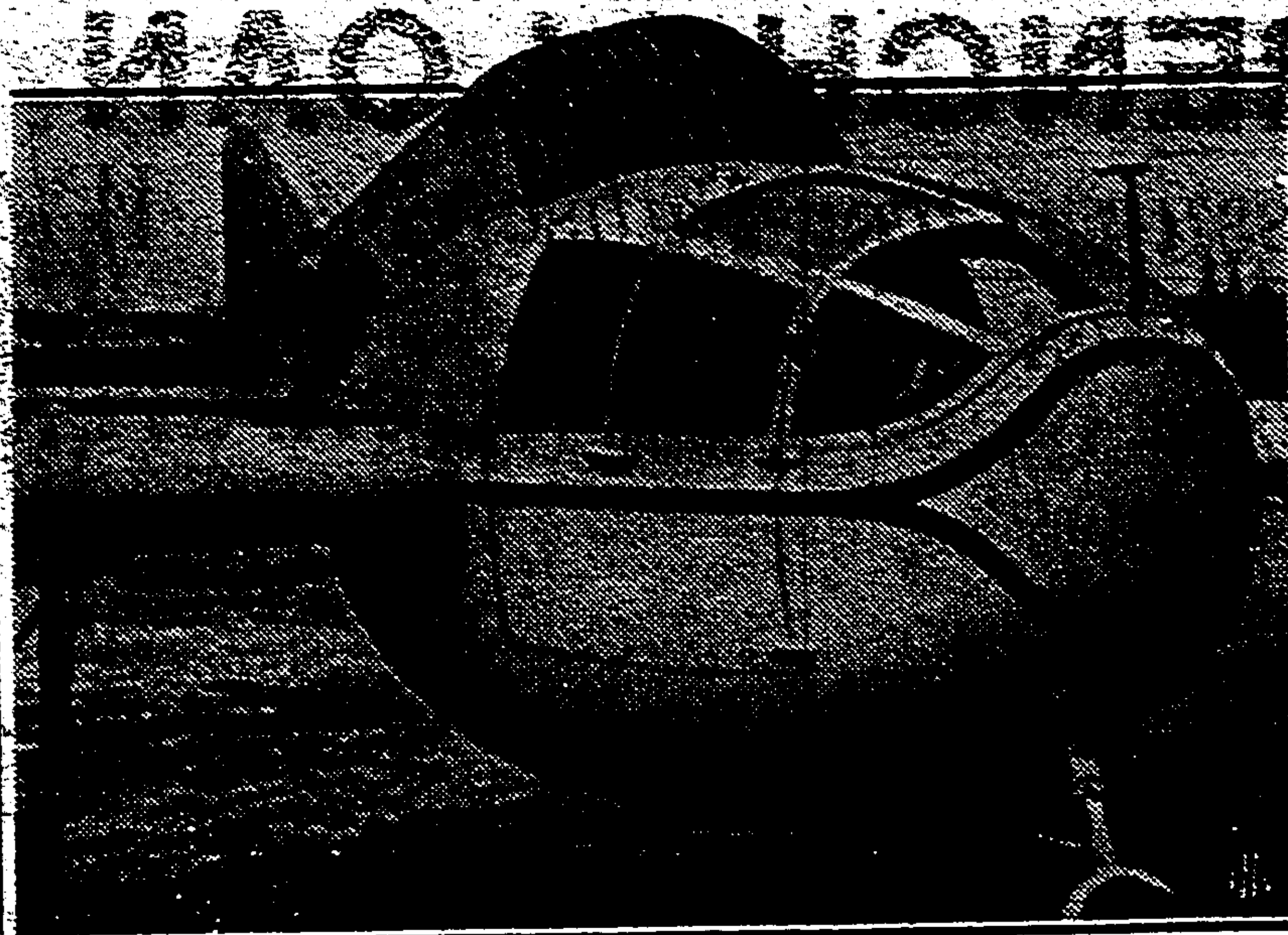
"To Donald W. Douglas, for the outstanding twin-engined commercial transport airplane. This airplane by reason of its high speed, economy and quiet passenger comfort, has been generally adopted by transport lines throughout the United States. Its merits have been further recognised by its adoption abroad and its influence on foreign design is already apparent. In making this award recognition is given to the technical and production personnel of the Douglas organisation."

In the last 6 years the Collier Trophy was earned by:

Harold Gatty for his autogiro work,

Flying Egg Gets U. S. Test

This flying plane recalls the Hump. It is a new type, but it can be built for \$1,500, travel 115 miles an hour, and make 15 miles to a gallon. This ship, developed by Hayden Campbell, is shown at Washington as Department of Commerce officials inspect it.



The Packard Motor Car Co. for its Diesel Aircraft engine, Glenn L. Martin, for his bomber, Frank Caldwell, for the controllable pitch propeller and Albert F. Hegenberger, for his blind flying.

Prominent personalities in the flying world, managers of air navigation companies, made the following

statements on the merits of the Douglas machine, which is used by K.L.M. on its Java service. Signor Solesin, of Avioline in Milan:

In my opinion the DC3 guarantees 100% safety and economy. When you add to this the comfort and the remarkable noiselessness of this plane, one can conclude that it is second to none of its kind."

Mr. Zimmermann, Swiss Air, is not less enthusiastic:

I am extremely pleased with the operating results. The DC3 has astounded me, as it shows a complete improvement on the DC2. I wonder whether there is a transport more suitable for our purposes than the DC3; as we will operate shortly a direct service between Zurich and London, a stretch of 530 miles, and we intend to put a giant Douglas of the type DC3 into service for this important air connection."

Mr. Krzyskowski of LOT, Warsaw:

The Douglas DC2 gave us full satisfaction, and I am an independent judge of this machine, as we are users and not constructors of planes. The DC2 was a revelation and the DC3 means yet another improvement being more economical and still more important than its predecessor.

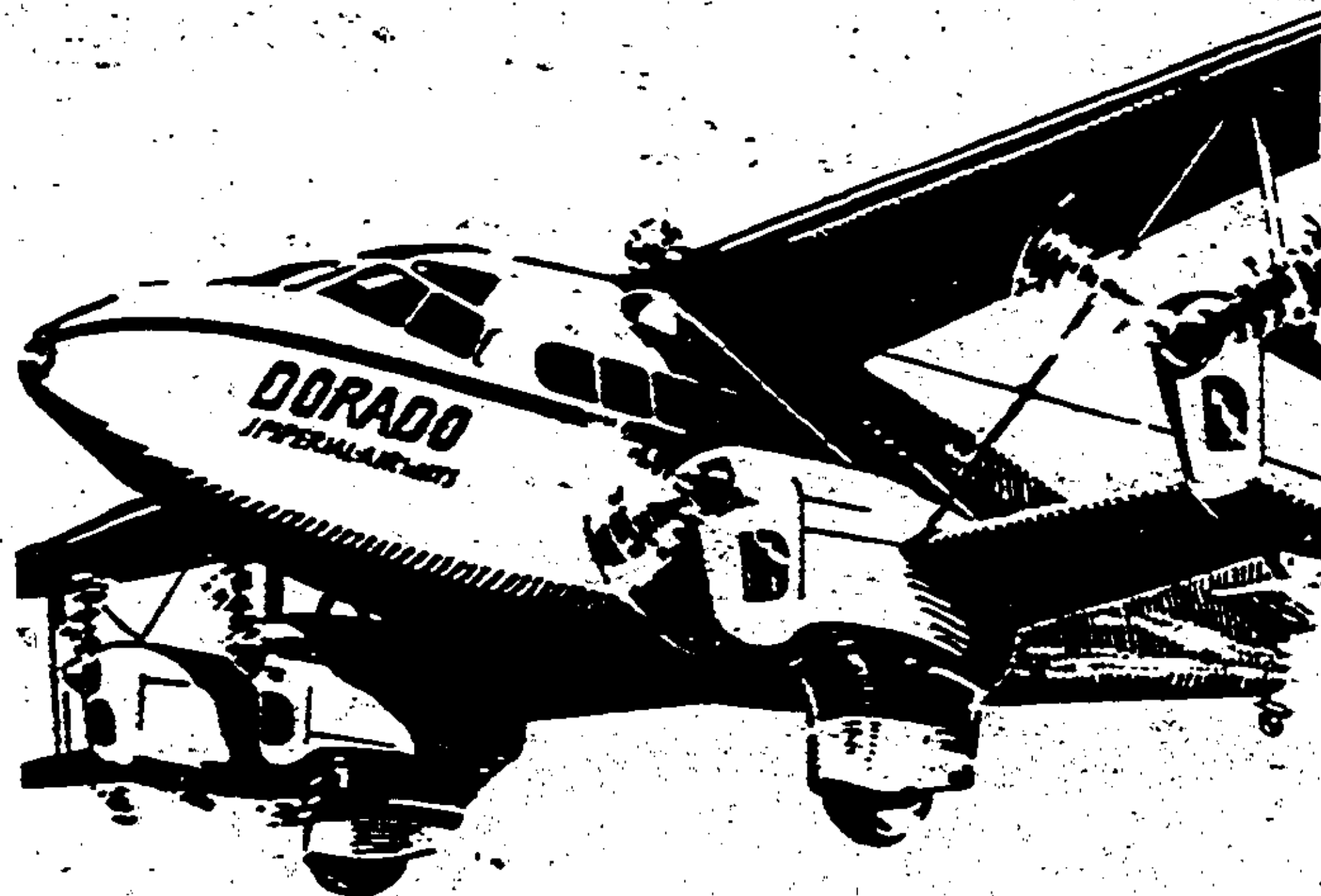
Empire Airmail Pilots

Forty-nine Imperial Airways pilots have completed a course of one month's training at Hamble in handling Cutty Sark amphibians and Short Calcutta or Rangoon flying-boats, to fit them for control of the Empire boats that are now going into service on main imperial routes. Air Service Training has a three years' contract with Imperial Airways for this essential work.

Most numerous type in the School fleet is the Aero Cadet, a trainer biplane which is recognised in this country and abroad as one of the pleasantest aeroplanes for the pilot yet built. The Hamble fleet also includes three amphibians, a large three-engined flying-boat, an autogiro, and a three-engined land monoplane.

The Dollar round-the-world liner s.s. "President Monroe" is expected to arrive in Hong Kong on March 15, and is scheduled to sail for Manila and around the world at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17.

The "President Cleveland" is expected on the morning of Tuesday, March 16, from Shanghai, and is scheduled to sail for Manila at noon on March 18.



Letters by AIR MAIL

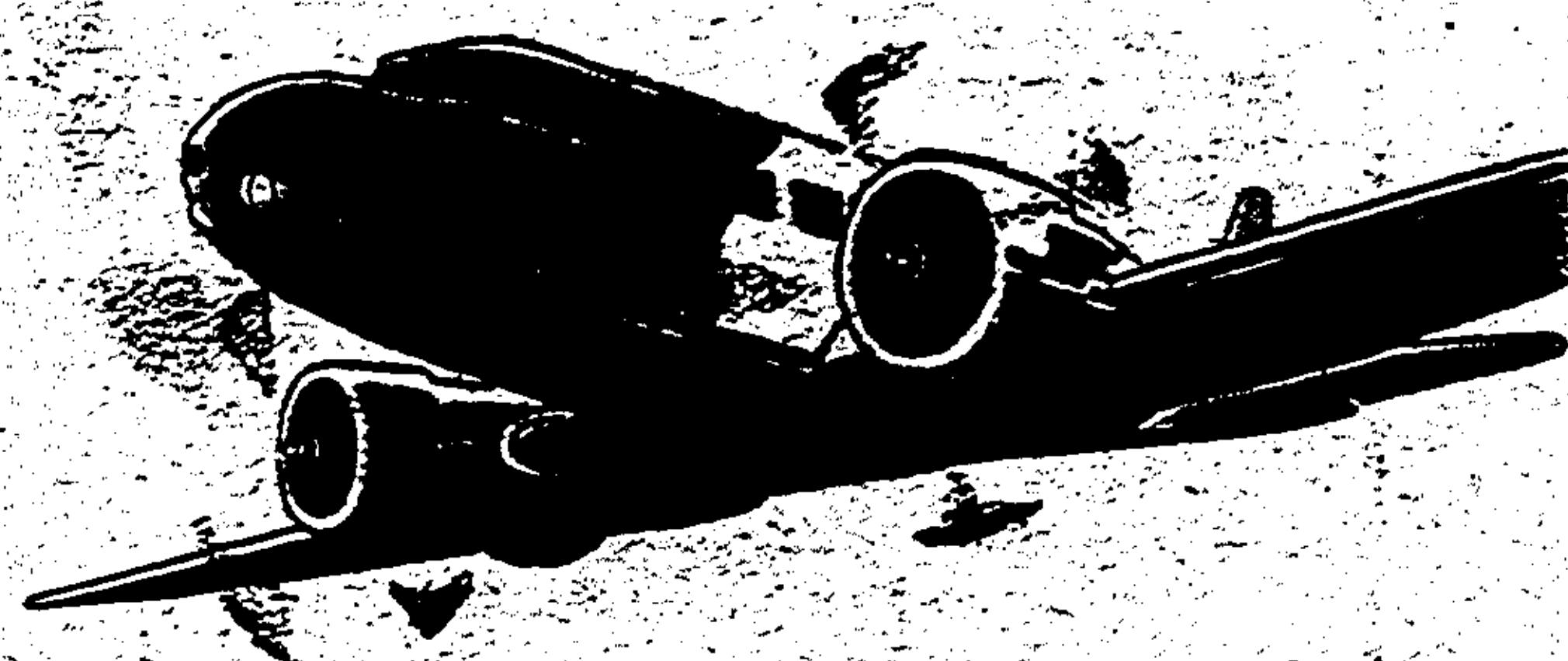
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THIS WEEK ON THE LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Messrs. G. A. Harriman & Co's weekly share report and market review issued at noon to-day states:—

The local market continues active and strong with prices generally much better on the week. Manila however has continued easy, with quotations further down over the period.

There has been a considerable turnover of business in Hong Kong stocks at advancing prices. Confidence appears to be returning and further appreciation seems assured. Hong Kong Electric's new ex the final dividend payment, are \$57½ buyers. Trams have been carried to \$14.30, and with temporary reactions, should go higher. China Lights (old) are \$14.30 and the New \$11¼. Star Ferries had sales at \$38 and \$38½, with sellers scarce. Yaumati Ferries are wanted at \$25½. Sandakan Lights at \$11.30 and Peak Trams at \$4¼. Telephones (old) are \$30 and the New \$11.85.

Green Island Cements are popular following publication of the annual report, which discloses a very satisfactory cash position although no dividend is declared and the profit is only moderate. There have been closing sales around \$12.70. Ropes can be taken at \$3.60 and New Constructions at 47½ cts. Watsons are up to \$4.80 and Lane Crawford have come in for attention with buyers bidding near \$7.

Docks have been a particularly strong feature and large transac-

Police Long Service Medal Awarded

It is notified in the "Government Gazette" that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorise the award of the Colonial Police Long Service Medal to Chief Inspector William Shannon.

tions have been done up to \$31 cum dividend. This Co.'s annual report was very well received and the resumption of dividend payments after 12 lean years has created great confidence in future prospects for the company must benefit very considerably from the world wide improvement in shipping and freights, coupled with the advantage of our low exchange.

Wharfs are firm at \$116 cum, and Providents (old) at \$1.95, the New shares being wanted at 10 cents.

Douglas's are wanted at \$35 and Steamboats at \$10¼, without indicated sellers. Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels have improved further to \$6.40 cum dividend. Hong Kong Lands are about unchanged at \$33½-34 ex the \$1 final dividend. Hong Kong Realty's are strong at \$5.40 buyers and with the appreciation in all local shares, should go still higher.

Insurance shares are very firm. The Hong Kong Fire annual figures are most satisfactory and the dividend of \$12 (a dollar more than for last year) has attracted buyers at \$295 cum. Cantons old final dividend, have buyers at \$628

FRESH ISSUE TO BE MADE EARLY NEXT WEEK

Paris, To-day.

The Ministry of Finance announces that the first portion of the new French Defence Loan has been over-subscribed.

AT A NUMBER OF BANKS, SUBSCRIPTIONS HAD TO BE REFUSED IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON OWING TO THE LOAN'S STRIKING SUCCESS.

The Finance Minister will examine measures to enable all those unable to send in subscriptions in time to enjoy nevertheless the advantages of the issue.

It is understood that the second portion of the Defence Loan will probably be issued on Tuesday or Thursday, and is likely to total 2,500,000,000 francs.—Reuter.

Gold Flowing Back

Paris, To-day.

It appears that the five milliard issue of the Defence Loan has already been over-subscribed, though the Minister of Finance is reluctant to give figures until complete returns are available.

The Ministry states, however, that success of the issue is almost unprecedented.

Gold is flowing back to France in increasing quantities.—Reuter.

Closing comment, Hong Kong:—
Strong and active.
Manila:—depressed.

A letter signed by the wives of 577 political prisoners in Brazil, describing the hardships caused them by their husbands' continued imprisonment, was read in the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies.

Erith's "wind screen," a big factory on Thames-side, is being demolished.

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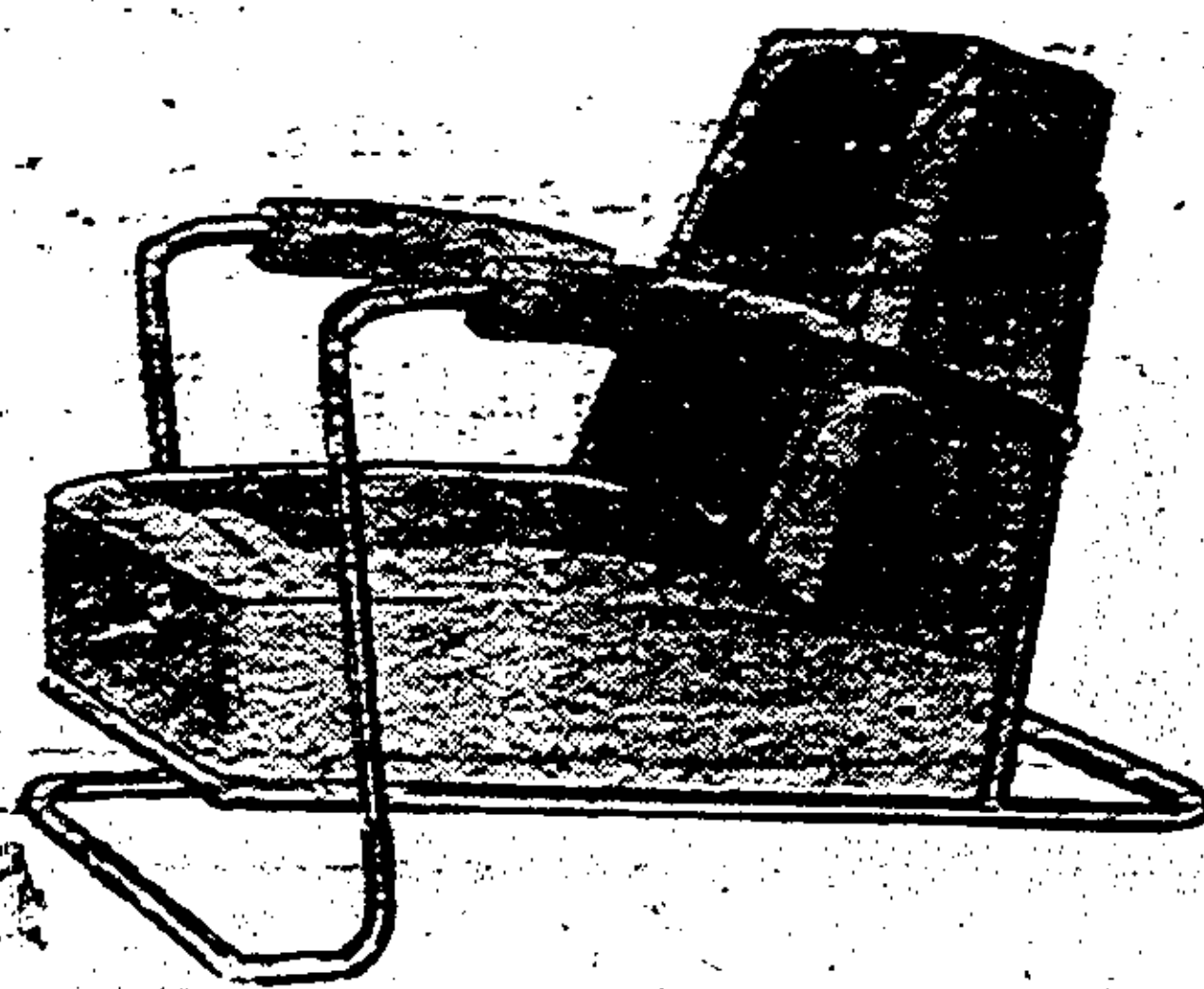
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Hong Kong, Saturday, March 13, 1937.

RAW MATERIALS CONFERENCE

The raw materials conference—sitting with Germany and Italy on the sidelines in the role, more or less, of hostile critics—goes into adjournment for three months following a host of woolly speeches and vague generalisations. Inspiring leadership was notable by its absence and an impression has been created that the guiding spirit in the proceedings was dictated chiefly by the thought that League governments having convened the conference, the task might just as well be undertaken, for what it is worth.

Three committees have been appointed. One is to investigate statistics or the production and distribution of raw materials. A second is to examine legislation likely to influence general commercial access to raw material supplies. The third is to undertake the more difficult and thankless task, that of attempting to ascertain why "certain countries" consuming raw materials are unable to use existing possibilities for obtaining supplies, a term of reference looking startling like an invitation to justify Sir Frederick Leith-Ross's allegation that the restriction of supplies to "certain countries" has been due to their own economic and currency policies.

Most of the delegates appeared to subscribe, if with reservations, to the principle of the Open Door for colonies, but enthusiasm for this measure was notably and naturally less marked among the colony-possessing countries than among those like Japan, who would stand to profit by the experiment. Self-interest, indeed, dominated expressions of opinion and we may venture to doubt whether any good is likely to come of further discussions unless the participants with most influence are prepared to bring to them a more liberal attitude.

There is but one clear line of promising approach to the problems. That involves concessions which will afford full and equal economic opportunities for all, plus a very serious consideration of a reorientation of policy on the colonial question.

That need not mean "buying off the so-called dissatisfied Powers," nor does it mean either giving away the British Empire or surrendering the rights of native peoples in order to pur-

chase a precarious peace in Europe. Everyone agrees that if you once started handing over colonies to Germany there could be no confidence as to where the process would lead or when it would stop. But to seek as an ultimate solution the ideal of an international mandate for all undeveloped territories and peoples, administered by a Civil Service with self-government as the final aim, is an entirely different matter.

With an international currency to eliminate transfer difficulties, an equal opportunity for all traders, administrators, and investors of capital, a League might be created that, judged by the lowest terms, was really worth joining. Meanwhile, if the Governments which possess mandates were to announce their willingness sooner or later to surrender them to an international body, it might do much to lessen the economic and psychological grievances of the dissatisfied Powers.

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Vanishing Vision

Mr. Eden's cherished vision of a fresh agreement to replace the defunct Locarno Treaty is fading fast, if it has not vanished altogether. Four months ago, Great Britain addressed a questionnaire to Germany in an endeavour to obtain the Reich's considered views on a proposed new Western Pact. For four months Germany has conducted a masterpiece of diplomatic inactivity and has hedged all attempts to obtain some unequivocal statement from her as to her attitude towards establishment of some method of guaranteeing the peace of Europe.

There is no argument as to what lies at the root of Germany's unwillingness to enter into any fresh undertaking.

It is the Franco-Russian Pact. This agreement presents Herr Hitler with his entire case for refusing to treat with France, and, therefore, with Britain. As long as France has any sort of understanding with the Soviet, Germany is bound to remain aloof from all endeavours to draw her into a pact to replace Locarno, and until the chains binding France and Russia are, not necessarily snapped, but at least stretched, Mr. Eden will be just as near to realisation of his dream of a Western Pact as he was four months ago.

Another German objection, and a strong one, is the mutual British and French attitude towards Belgium. Although Germany denounced Locarno, Britain and France still regard the treaty as a living thing. Britain is pledged to go to the assistance of both France and Belgium if they are attacked, and this, in German opinion, is not an honest guarantee of peace, though it is somewhat difficult to follow this reasoning.

Whatever instructions, Herr von Ribbentrop has taken with him from Berlin, it is certain that he has not returned with any solid German contribution for dissipating the clouds of rumour and uncertainty that have been hanging over Europe for so long. It sadly looks as though the time has come when even Mr. Eden will be forced to admit that Europe is reduced to the pre-War system of alliances and that nothing now promises that can alter that dangerous fact.

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I balked violently at spending money we needed ourselves on some waif Dot had picked up. But it made Dot so unhappy I always had to give in.

And after fourteen years I find I am sold on the idea myself.

At first Dot's own brothers and sisters, eight of them, were always needing something, and our slender salary was dolefully dented.

We lived in a one-roomed kitchenette affair with horsehair furniture, but it was one of the happiest years of our lives. And part of the thrill came from thinking that, were it not for us, Dot's sister would be unable to stay in the hospital.

One morning a flustered husband called on Dot saying that his wife was being rushed to the hospital.

He explained that she was almost frantic, wondering what to do with her six-week-old baby, and had said that if only Mrs. S. would take him she could go feeling perfectly at ease.

When I came home I was flabbergasted to find a brand-new baby installed with crib and all accessories, and even expected the worst until Dot explained. She had always been crazy about babies, anyway.

We became so fond of the young man that at the end of two months when the mother was fully recovered and we had no excuse for keeping him longer we hated to give him up.

Dot went through a period of aching void, and we were on the point of adopting a child when another presence knocked and we decided to wait. She is now nine years old and has a brother four.

But that first baby was only the beginning of our experiences in playing parents to youngsters not our own.

John appeared one winter morning, a lad barely nineteen, dirty, dishevelled, but, as Dot said, "With such a nice, honest face," asking if we had something he could do, saying that he hadn't eaten for two days.

The hunger march to our door, and I suppose to most others during the depression, was a daily occurrence, and Dot fed all comers.

John verified his story by eating lustily and doing a thorough job of washing the windows. He had a bath and was fitted out with my old clothes. And Dot kept playing on his pride to make something of himself and soon had her friends giving him regular work.

After a year's absence he appeared one day with a new suit and a ready-made smile. He had a steady job and was about to be married.

Dot's friends have repeatedly warned her against taking such nondescripts into the house. There was no telling what they might do.

Perhaps we are just lucky, but we have never had any unfortunate experiences or anything stolen, except Dot's engagement ring.

The girl whom I shall call Lillian was sixteen, and one of the few girls from the orphanage allowed to help at week-ends in homes carefully chosen by the social worker.

After we had taken Lillian back to the home one Saturday, Dot discovered that her ring was gone.

Why She Was Tempted

We called the superintendent of the home, who assured us that Lillian was one of their nicest girls and could not possibly have taken it.

And the girl was heartbroken that we should even suspect her.

The superintendent, too, seemed to feel that we were doing the girl an injustice, and suggested that the ring must have been mislaid.

In the presence of the superintendent, Dot could get nowhere with Lillian, so she asked permission to talk to her alone.

Dot understood why she had been tempted.

She had never had a ring, had she?

Taking it didn't mean that she was a bad girl, but keeping it would.

Sympathy and understanding were too much for Lillian, and she tearfully confessed.

Lillian is married now and we hear from her every Christmas.

Last summer we took to the country a little girl from a children's home as a playmate for our Janet. It was a joy to watch this new girl—I'll call her Helen.

Her own parents were dead and she had almost no recollection of them.

As a result she was starved for affection.

At first Janet, who is affectionate but not demonstrative, was jealous, but that gradually wore off in the joy of having a companion.

Helen's influence on Janet was highly salutary. Helen had been trained to do little routine duties such as making her bed. Janet, who had never made a bed, was soon following suit.

Janet was inclined to be inconsiderate of her playmates and sometimes downright selfish.

In these respects Helen helped straighten her out, too.

Parental Love

The usual doubt voiced by my friends is: Won't these children be worse off in returning to an institution after having a taste of parental love?

And I recall the old saying: "Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

It has been great fun.

We never expect to have much of a bank balance, but we have managed, thanks to Dot's ability to cut corners, to do a lot with comparatively little.

The older I become the more I find it necessary to justify my life.

Living for myself and family is no more than a normal obligation. Those enlargements of family experiences have given me the most satisfaction.

I'd rather be called "Daddy" by youngsters not my own than by my two. You somehow expect it from your own.

Another thing I've found.

Painless giving is a just a palliative to ease a restive conscience.

Unless it means some sacrifice of time, money, or of yourself, there will be small return in satisfaction.

Both of us have got back much more than we gave out.

How B.B.C. Will Relay The Coronation

The BBC has now completed a number of its plans for broadcasts in connection with the Coronation.

BBC observers along the route of the Coronation procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey will describe the scenes to listeners. Observers will be stationed within the precincts of Buckingham Palace, at the corner of Constitution Hill and the Mall, at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, outside Westminster Abbey, within the annexe to the Abbey where their Majesties and important guests will arrive, and inside the Abbey itself. The observers engaged so far are Mr. Howard Marshall, Mr. John Snagge, Mr. George Blake, and Mr. T. Wood. Their Majesties will return from Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace by a long and circuitous route, in order that they may be able to hear the sounds of the cheering crowds, which will be picked up from microphones situated at Trafalgar Square, St. James's Palace, and Oxford Circus. When the procession finally reaches on a central control panel.

Constitution Hill the commentary will again be resumed, in order that the final scenes of pageantry may be described, until the time when their Majesties enter Buckingham Palace.

Within The Abbey

The Coronation Service, which lasts for almost two and a half hours, will be broadcast in its entirety with the exception of brief passages in the service which do not lend themselves to broadcasting. Twenty-four microphones will be installed within the walls so that no detail of the proceedings may be missed by the Service. Before the beginning of the Service a BBC observer will describe the various acts and ceremonies, but there will be several moments which form part of the Coronation. During parts of the service devoted to these acts, when no sound is audible, a speaker will Palace by a long and circuitous route, in order that they may be able to hear the sounds of the cheering crowds, which will be picked up from microphones situated at Trafalgar Square, St. James's Palace, and Oxford Circus. When the procession finally reaches on a central control panel.

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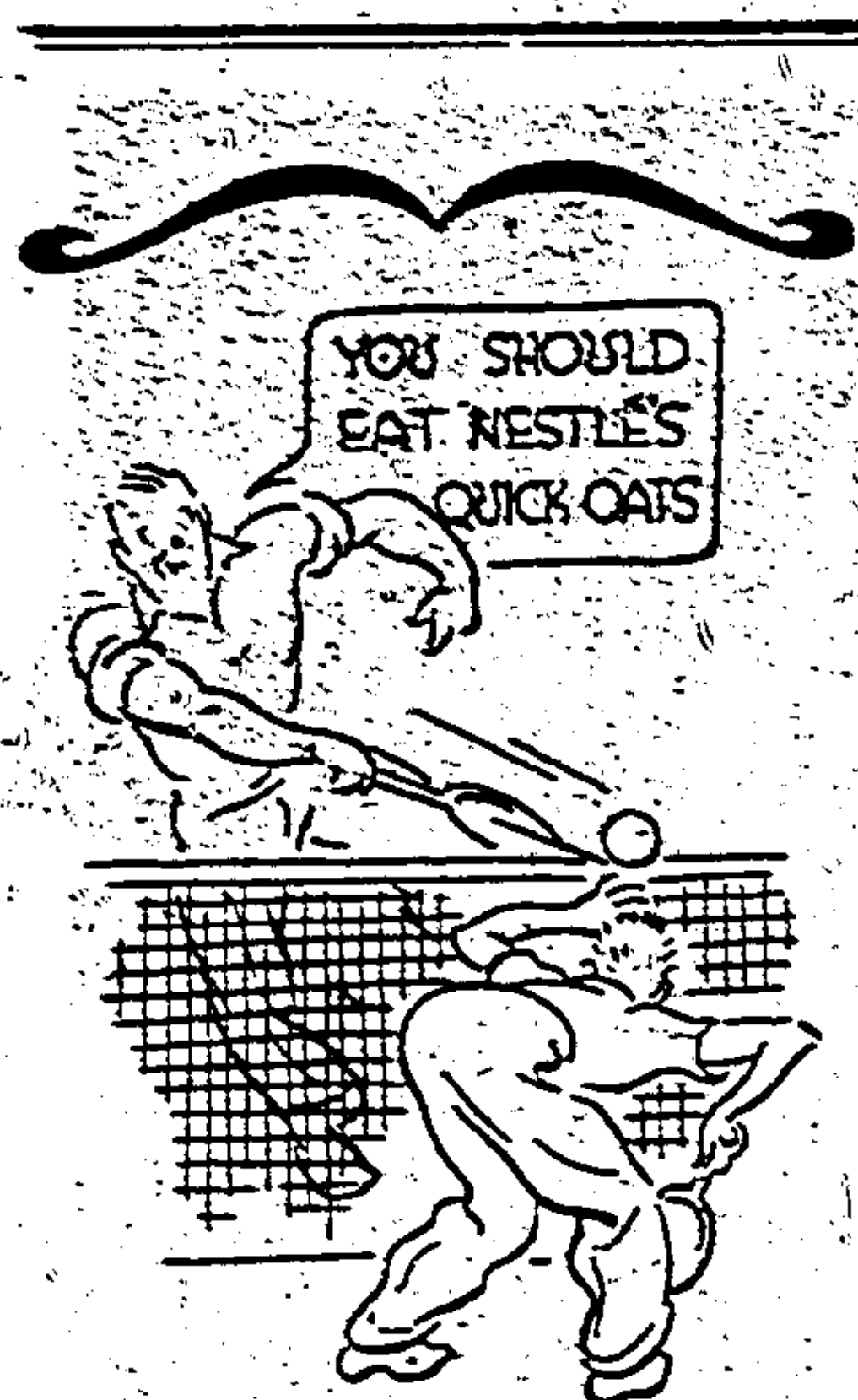
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AGRICULTURE AS CURE FOR SPECIAL AREAS: CHANCELLOR OUTLINES SITUATION

London, To-day. The House of Commons this evening agreed to move a resolution preliminary to the Government's Special Areas Bill.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer spoke in the course of the debate, following Mr. Lloyd George, who made an appeal for the development of land settlement in the special areas as contribution to National Defence.

Mr. Chamberlain cited the figures of unemployment in the special areas which had been brought down by 120,000 in a little over 2 years and in South Wales—perhaps the most difficult area—by 20 per cent.

It was the policy of the Government to take advantage of the rearmament programme to direct as much work as possible into these districts. Up to the end of November last, orders totalling \$41,000,000 went to needy districts, of which \$24,000,000 went to the special areas proper.

By the end of January, those totals had been raised respectively to \$57,000,000 and \$35,000,000.

LARGE BENEFITS

The Chancellor described the advantages the special area had derived from the revival of the Iron and Steel industry, from the shipping subsidy and increased shipbuilding, and from the effects of the trade agreements on coal exports.

Mr. Chamberlain thought that

the inducements to the location of new industries in the special areas which the Government's Bill would provide would prove effective and he said that Mr. Lloyd George had not convinced him that the authorities were wrong who held that in the matter of land settlement, one must go cautiously.

BACK TO LAND

It would be impossible to put half a million people back on the land without raising agricultural prices and destroying our relations with Dominion and Foreign Producers.

As to the defence aspects of agriculture, it was not an occasion for him to enter upon the subject but they might rest assured it was receiving the Government attention.—British Wireless.

New Form Of Loyal Toasts

It is notified for general information in the "Gazette" that His Majesty has approved that the order and form of Loyal Toasts to be used in future shall be as follows:—

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BACK TO LAND



Taken at the cricket match between the H.K.C.C. and the I.R.C. last Saturday. From left to right are A. C. L. Bowker, H. W. Baines, T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, F. Marshall. ("China Mail" photo).



A fine action picture of the goalie effecting a save in the match between the Royal Welch Fusiliers boys and the Central British School last Monday. ("China Mail" photo).



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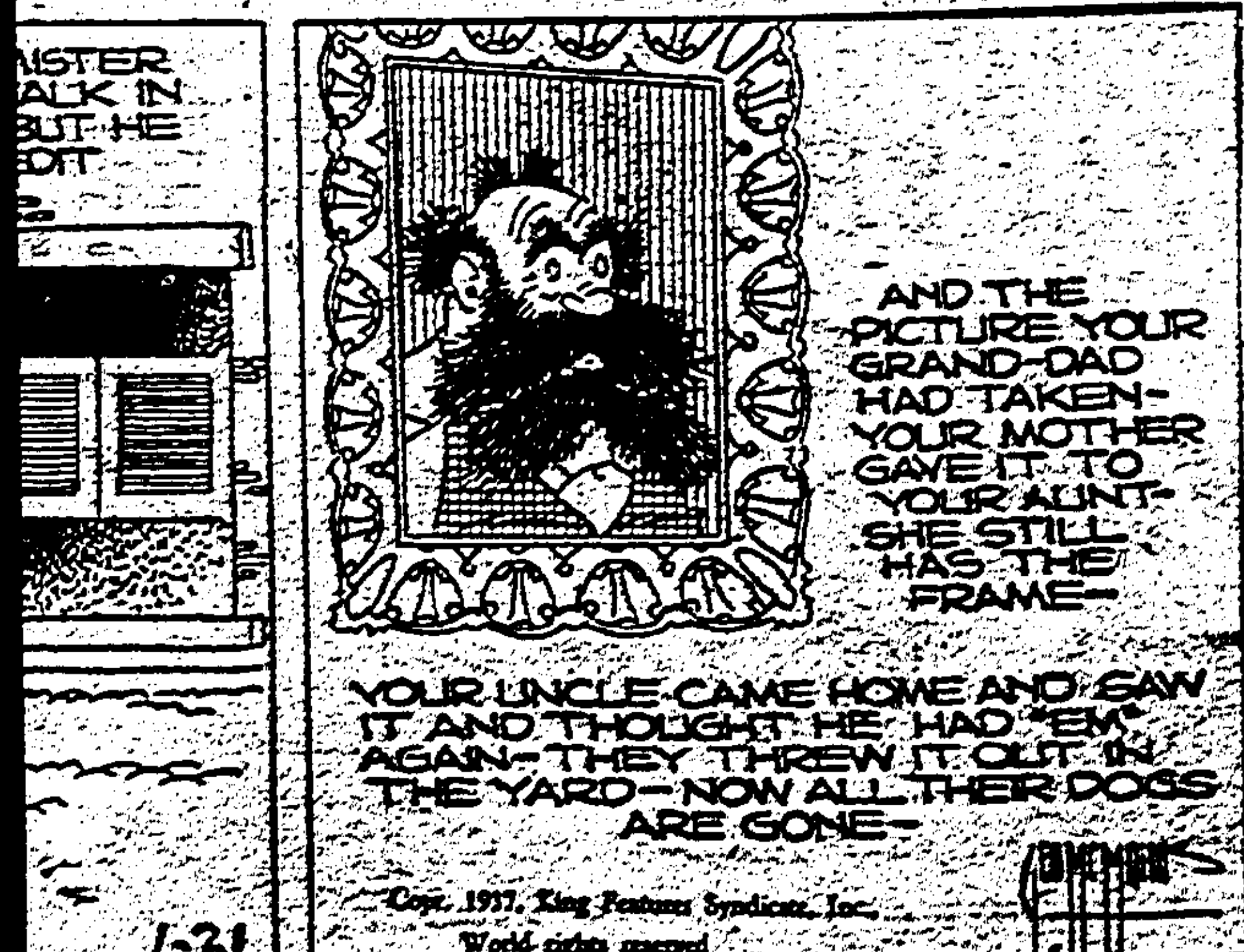
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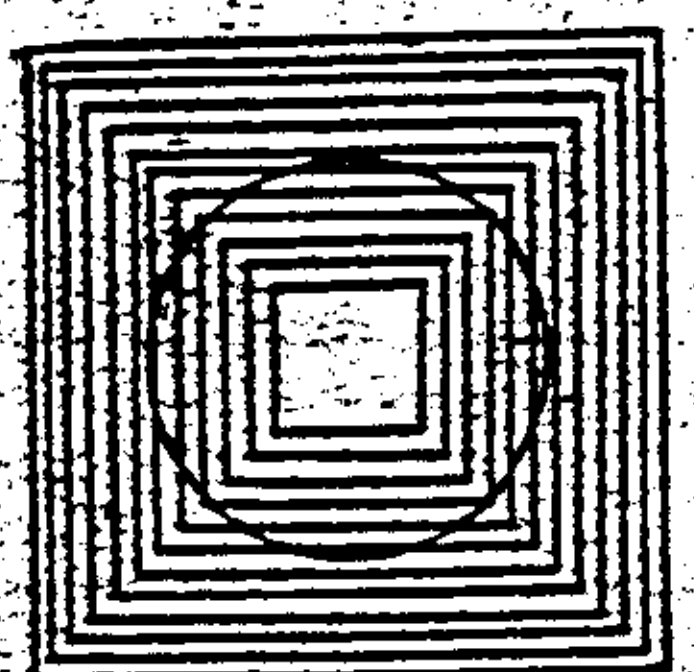
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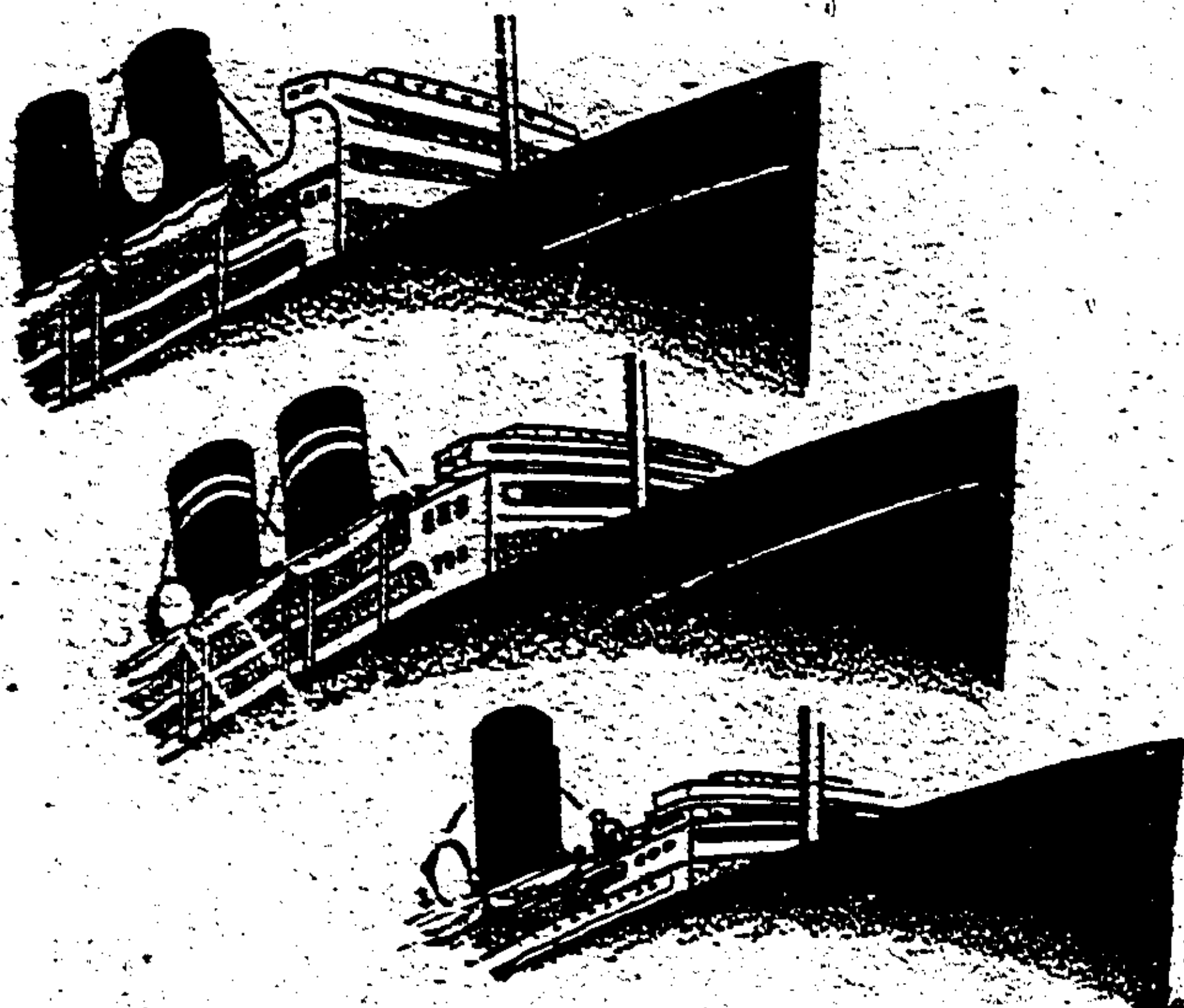
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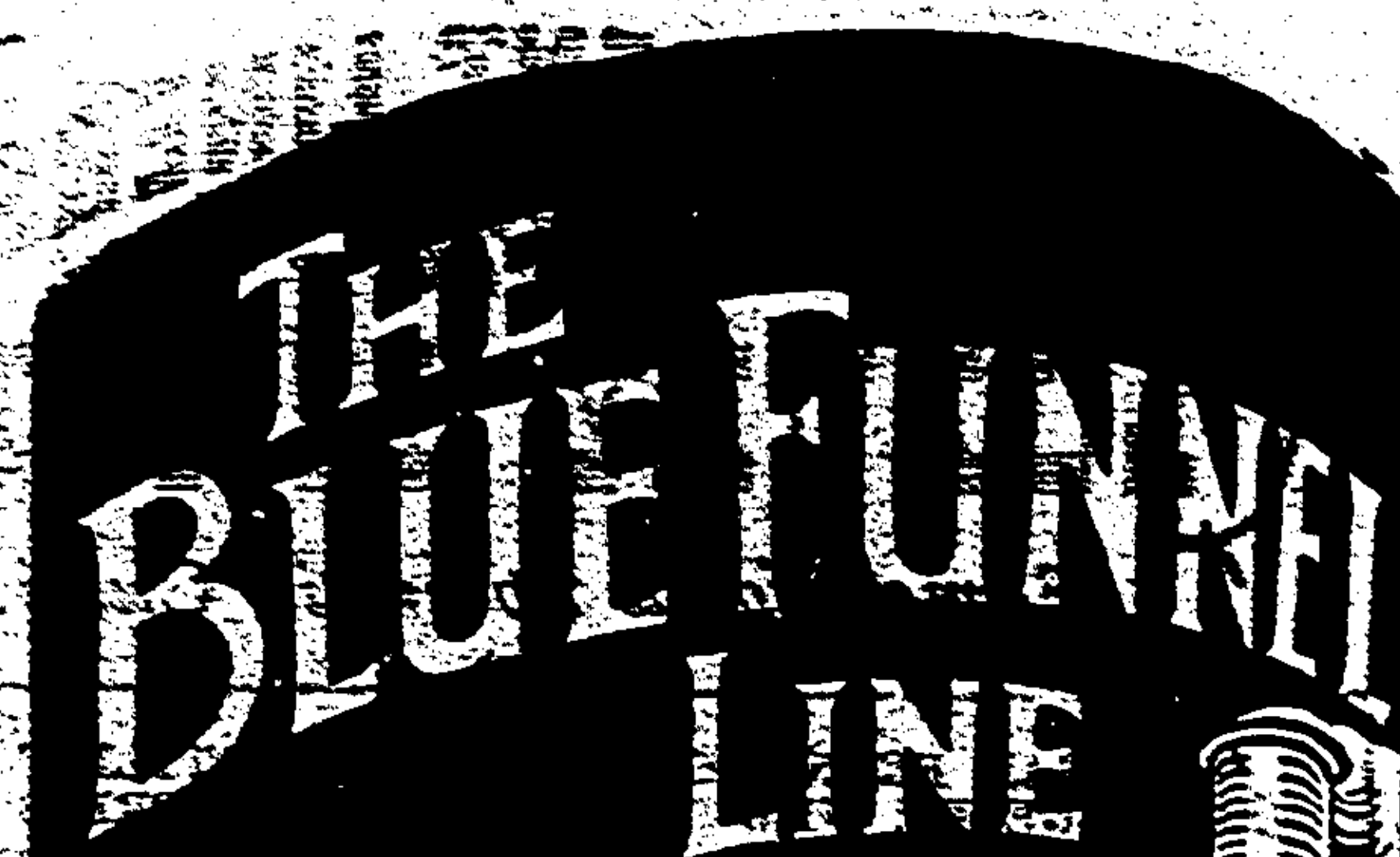
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Range—Stonecutters
Sunday, 14th March. Stonecutters Range is allotted to Machine Gun Casuals. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon at 8.40 a.m.

Range Officer to be detailed by O. C. No. 2 (Scottish) Company.

A Category M.G. Course
The next parades will be on Thursday 25th March.

Range Takers Course
The next parade will be on Thursday 25th March.

Anti-Gas Course
The next parade will be on Friday 2nd April.

PARADE
1st Battery

Annual Inspection by the G.O.C. will take place at H.Q. at 3.15 p.m. on Saturday 20th instant.

Dress—Tunics, lanyards, slacks, black boots, S.D. caps, web belt, haversack, waterbottle, gas mask at the alert and greatcoat rolled.

L Section
Section will parade at H.Q. on Thursday March 18th at 5.30 p.m. Rifle and Squad Drill.

Dress. Overalls, blue caps, web belt and frog.

Corps Engineers
Monday 15th March 5.30 p.m. Miniature Range.

Saturday, 20th March 3.15 p.m. parade for G.O.C.'s. Inspection, after which the Company will proceed to Belchers Fort for D.E.L. manning.

Dress—Tunics, slacks, G. S. Caps, rifle, bayonet and equipment, haversack and waterbottle (filled). Gas masks to be worn at the alert position. Other kit such as overcoat and overalls will be left in the Company office until after the Inspection.

Corps Signals
A cable laying exercise will be held on Sunday, 14th March. Those members of the Mohammedan Section, who have been detailed, will parade at Corps H.Q. at 9 a.m. in uniform.

Members of the Sikh Section will carry out duties, as detailed, at the Command Signal Office from Monday, 15th March to Sunday, 21st March.

The Annual Inspection will take place on Saturday, 20th March. Parade at Corps H.Q. at 2 p.m. in uniform. No member of the Company may be absent without the permission of the O.C.

Members of the Mohammedan Section will take part in the Combined Operation on Saturday, 20th March and Sunday, 21st March.

PARADE
No. 2 Improvised Battery (M Section) Wednesday, March 17th. Parade at Deep Water Bay at 5.30 p.m.
Saturday, 20th March. G.O.C.'s. Inspection. Parade at H.Q. at 2.15 p.m.

Machine Gun Troop
Tuesday, 16th March. Parade at Corps H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. M.G. Instruction.

Sunday, 20th March. G.O.C.'s. Inspection. Parade at H.Q. at 2.15 p.m.

Armoured Car Section
Section will parade at H.Q. on Saturday next, 13th March at 2.00 p.m. for driving and general instruction.

Dress—Blue overalls, R.T.C. caps, black boots or shoes.

Section will parade at H.Q. on Tuesday, 14th March at 5.30 p.m. for Crew Drill and Driving Instruction.

A full attendance is essential as final instructions regarding the Combined Operations will be issued.

Dress—Blue overalls, R.T.C. Caps, black boots or shoes.

The last opportunity of firing the Annual M.G. Course is on Sunday next, 14th March. Launch leaves Queen's Pier, Hong Kong, at 8.30 a.m. and Police Pier, Kowloon, at 8.40 a.m.

March 20th Saturday. Parade at H.Q. at 2.15 p.m. for G.O.C.'s. Inspection.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon
Sunday, 14th March. Parade at H.Q. at 8.30 a.m. sharp in Sections as detailed by C.S.M.

Dress—Tunics, shorts, puttees and hosetops. Black boots, web belt and R.T.C. Caps.

Drivers will draw tools from C.Q.M.S. at 8.25 a.m.

Monday, 15th Mar. Parade at H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. to tune up machines in preparation for the Combined Operations.

Saturday, 20th March. Parade at H.Q. at 2.15 p.m. for G.O.C.'s. Inspection and Night Operations.

Machines will be drawn up in Sections facing C.S.O.'s. building in front of Company offices.

Dress—Tunics, breeches, black boots, puttees (rolled down) web belts, revolvers, R.T.C. Caps, box respirators (at the alert), waterbottles (filled), greatcoats neatly rolled and placed in sidcars. All buttons and brasses to be polished and web belts cleaned.

Tools for machines to be drawn from C.Q.M.S. at 2 p.m.

No. 1 (M.G.) Company
Friday, 19th March. Parade at Corps H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. Details of Combined Operations and use of B.F. Muzzle Attachment.

Saturday, 20th March. Parade at Corps H.Q. for G.O.C.'s. Inspection at 2.15. All ranks must attend.

No. 2 (Scottish) Company

Thursday, 18th March at 5.30 p.m. Parade at Corps H.Q. Discussion of Combined Operations.

Saturday, 20th March. Parade at Corps H.Q. at 2.15 p.m. for G.O.C.'s. Inspection.

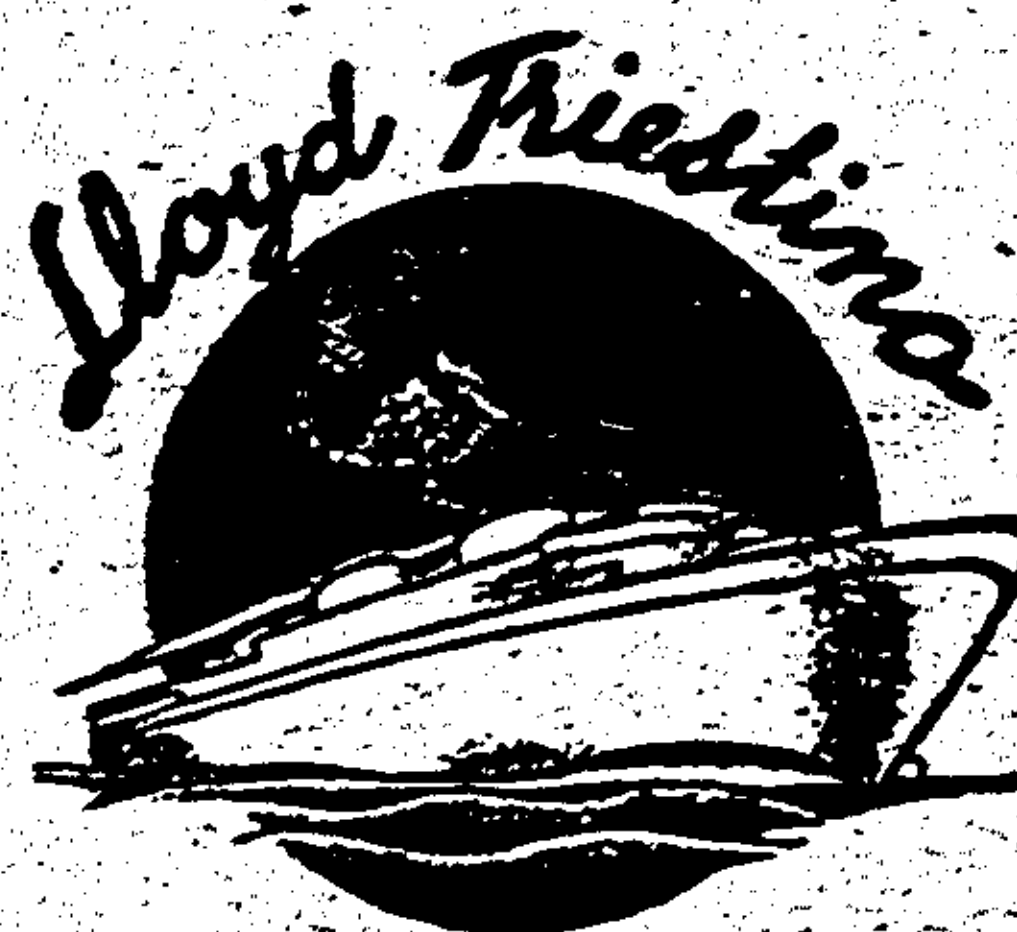
No. 3 (M.G. Company)
M.G. Classification. The following will fire M.G. Part II on Sunday March 14th at Stonecutters.

Pte. M. S. Lan, Pte. N. Lee, Pte. S. Lee, Pte. Shroff, Pte. Silva, Pte. J. Tso.

Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. calling at Police Pier Kowloon at 8.40 a.m. Dress Optional but webbing must be worn when firing. This is the last opportunity of classifying.

Parade at H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. on Monday March 15th.

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RIFLES MUST BEAT RECREIO TO-DAY



Bugler Stevens, above, will have his hands full this afternoon when the Rifles clash with the fast Club de Recreio team in their First Division soccer classic on the Chatham Road ground.

THREE SCHOOLS HOLD ATHLETIC MEETS TO-DAY

The annual sports meeting of St. Stephen's College will be held to-day, commencing at 2 p.m., at Stanley. Special buses are scheduled to leave Blake Pier at 1.30 p.m., while the Central British School athletic meeting will commence at 2 p.m. on their school ground, Hung Hom. La Salle College are holding their sports at Kowloon Tong, commencing at 1 p.m.

IMPORTANT SENIOR SOCCER MATCH

A. V. GOSANO RETURNS TO PORTUGUESE XI TO-MORROW'S BIG GAME

(By "ROVER")

TWO interesting First Division League football matches will be featured in to-day's programme of five senior encounters, and the Rifles who are almost assured of the title, will probably experience a strenuous game when they come up against Recreio at Chatham Road.

THE PORTUGUESE TEAM GAVE A GRAND DISPLAY LAST SATURDAY IN THE SEMI-FINAL ROUND OF THE SENIOR SHIELD COMPETITION, WHEN THEY LOST TO SOUTH CHINA "A" IN THE LAST MINUTES OF THE GAME, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD DOMINATED THE EXCHANGES TERRITORIALLY, WITHOUT THE SERVICES OF A. V. GOSANO!

Recreio will be fielding practically their full team this afternoon with A. V. Gosano either as centre-half, or in the attack. Following last week's encounter I think it is most likely that Beltrao will be moved back to the pivotal position, while A. V. Gosano leads the attack. Bertie Gosano was the only danger to South China "A" last Saturday and, partnered by his brother, should constitute a big menace to the Rifles defence.

The latter will probably be are out to prove that their form against the League champions last week was no flash in the pan.

SCOTS' TASK

The Seaforth Highlanders, who gave the Rifles a shock recently at Sookunpoo, have another big task ahead of them this afternoon when they play South China "B" in an away encounter.

The Scots have already demonstrated their "wares" and another fine game should be featured at Caroline Hill. The Chinese team were at one time considered to be in the running for the League championship, but their form towards the latter stages of the first half of the season let them down badly, and this afternoon's game will just about decide their fate.

VITAL GAME

There are two senior games down for decision to-morrow, the most interesting of which is the clash between the Fusiliers and South China "A" at Sookunpoo.

This game is of vital importance to the present League champions as a defeat will virtually rule them out of this season's title, while a win will give them a fighting chance.



N. Beltrao, above, will probably be moved back to his old position at centre-half to-day when Recreio meet the Rifles on the Chatham Road ground, in the First Division of the League.

SEAFORTH'S GOOD CHANCES IN THIRD DIV.

Stonecutters May Beat Rifles

CLUB FAVOURED TO WIN

The Seaforths, who by virtue of their win over the Ordnance during the past week, are in a strong position for the runners-up position in the Third Division, will meet the Medicals to-day and if they can reproduce the same form, should have no difficulty in obtaining both points, while their Second Division team, who are also lying high up in the table meet South China, one of the semi-finalists in the Junior Shield, in what should be the most interesting encounter of the Second Division programme.

Another good game should be witnessed when the Rifles encounter the much improved Stonecutters team. The Rifles are in the Junior Shield Final, while the Gunners have been showing greatly improved form recently and have several very sound players.

Baylor and Smith are outstanding in their forward line, while in the defence, Hall, in goal, and Findlay and Lewis are good. If the Stonecutters' intermediate line of Littlemore, Dawson and Coles, can hold the Rifles forwards the gunners should win.

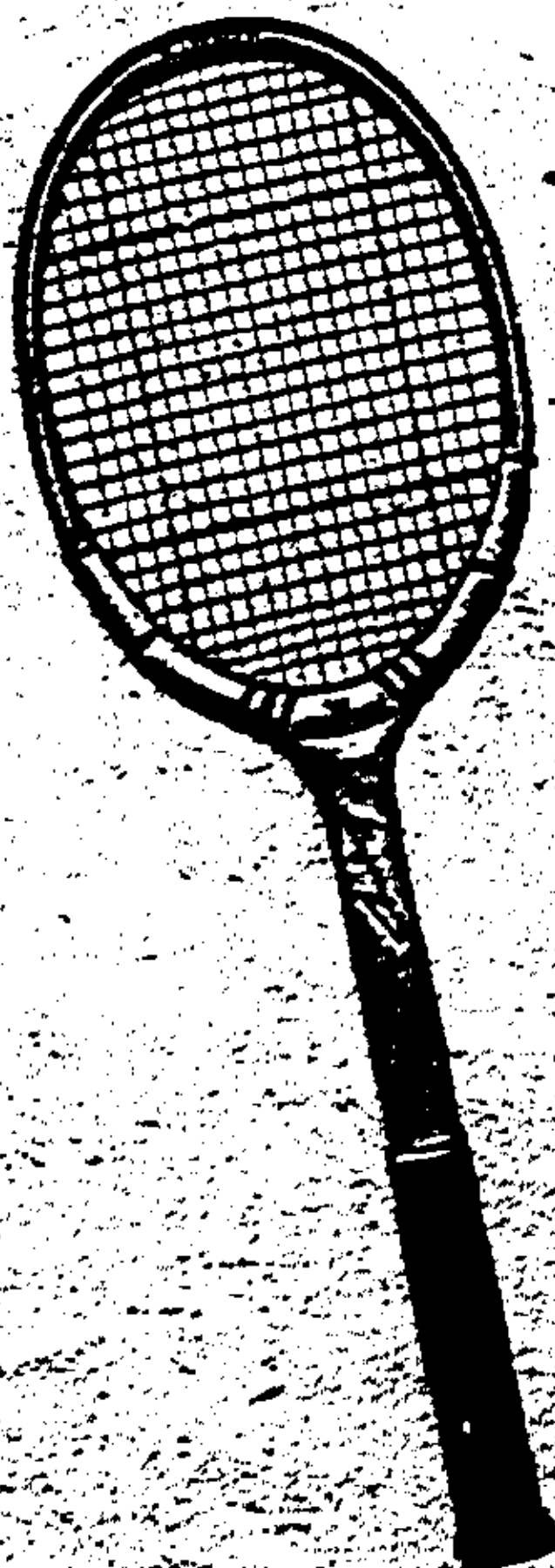
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"Rover's" Football Forecast

The following are the local Football League fixtures for the weekend, giving the favoured teams in pronounced black type.

TO-DAY		TO-MORROW	
Athletic	First Division	Athletic	First Division
	v Club		v Club
	(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)		(Club, 4.30 p.m.)
	v Navy		v South China "A"
	(Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.)		(Sookunpoo, 4.30 p.m.)
Kowloon	v Recreio	Fusiliers	Second Division
	(Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)		v Engineers
Rifles	v Police		(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)
	(Canseway Bay, 4.30 p.m.)	Kowloon Chinese	v Lyman
Eastern	v Seaforths		(Club, 2.45 p.m.)
	(Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.)	Fusiliers	Third Division
South China "B"	Second Division		v Engineers
	v Club		(Chatham Road, 4.30 p.m.)
Athletic	v Club	Chinese Police	v Ordnance
	(Sookunpoo, 2.45 p.m.)		(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)
Kowloon	v Navy	European Police	v Service Corps
	(Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.)		(Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.)
Rifles	v Stonecutters		
	(Chatham Road, 2.45 p.m.)		
Eastern	v Chinese Police		
	(Canseway Bay, 2.45 p.m.)		

SAPPERS AGAIN IN THE FINAL

Junior Shield
Classic

LYEMUN GO DOWN GLORIOUSLY

One of the best junior football games this season was witnessed at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon when the Engineers and Lyemun met in the replay of their Junior Shield Semi-Final Round tie, and resulted in a win for the Sappers by the odd goal in seven, in a game packed with thrills and excitement, and which produced football of a standard rarely attained in the Second Division.

Lyemun gave an amazingly improved display and though defeated, went down gloriously. Three times they took the lead, but only held it for a brief space.

Both teams were under strength, Callard being absent from the Engineers' team, while Sparkes was an absentee from the Gunners' team. These absentees forced Hurst to take the outside-left position, in the Sappers' team, and Knight to take the pivotal position in the gunners' team.

FINE SPIRIT

While there can be no denying that the Engineers fully deserved their win, the Gunners must be commended on the magnificent display they put up. They went into their task wholeheartedly and though their tackling was robust, it was fair, and there was that spirit of give and take which has been absent from most of our senior games.

Davies was outstanding in the Gunners' goal.

Winstanley and Baker, the backs, covered each other confidently throughout the game, and were sure in their hefty clearances but in the latter stages of the game, were not too comfortable against the short-passing tactics of the Engineers.

KNIGHT'S HARD WORK

In the pivotal position, Knight accomplished much useful work. He had the unenviable task of marking three of the fastest forwards in junior football and it is pleasing to note that none of the goals could be traced from the centre. In the latter part of the game, he moved to the centre forward position where he made his presence felt so much that the Sappers were on the defence for a greater part of the game.

Another Lyemun player who revealed good form was Boyle, their centre-forward. He often had the opposing defence in difficulty and plied his wingers with fine passes.

In the Engineers team, apart from Howlett there were no outstanding players. All played well and it was remarkable how they covered each other.

FINE LEADER

Howlett was the mainstay of the attack. He initiated many openings and his passes from the inside-left position to the right wing were an object lesson. Hurst, on the left wing, was a continual danger and, covered ground with speed.

Beal and Darby formed a dangerous right wing combine. Their interchanging of positions was remarkable and neither hesitated when presented with a chance to shoot.

The Gunners took the lead early



Glenn Cunningham, famous track star from Kansas, again won the Wanmaker Mile in New York City, at the 30th annual running of the Millrose A. A. games. It was his fourth win of the famous trophy. He is here shown having a nice, cold drink out of it.

Rapier's Selections For Today

- Race No. 1.
ROSE EVELYN
RACING BOY
WADEBRIDGE
Outsider—PHILANDERER
- Race No. 2.
ROB ROY
VIRA
KUM SHAN
Outsider—FIREFLY
- Race No. 3.
HONEYMOON EVE
ROSE-QUEEN
MISTAKE BAY
Outsider—OAK BAY.
- Race No. 4.
COURTING EVE
DICK TURPIN
SUCH FUN
Outsider—BORONIA BELLE.
- Race No. 5.
GORDITO
PAGAN LOVE
HELEPHANT
Outsider—CORONATION DAY
- Race No. 6.
BEAR CLAW
SOLDIER OF BRITAIN
COSSACK'S BEAUTY
Outsider—HAVOC EVE.
- Race No. 7.
NATIONAL FAITH
YUM SING
FEUDAL KNIGHT
Outsider—FETLAR.
- Race No. 8.
NEW STAR
BRIGHT VIEW
KING'S BOUNTY
Outsider—JUNGLE JIM.
- Race No. 9.
CENTRE COURT
RANGER
SNOWY RIVER
Outsider—VIXEN TOR.
- DAILY DOUBLE:—
GORDITO
AND
NATIONAL FAITH.

in the game when Percival scored, but Worsfold equalised for the Sappers with a long shot. Bedford again gave the Gunners the lead when he beat Selleck with a high shot, but Darby equalised before the interval with a grounder. Knight scored Lyemun's third goal from a penalty, but Darby again brought the Sappers on level terms and Beal netted the winning goal from a pass by Hurst. Lyemun—Davies, Winstanley and Baker; Latham, Knight and Blackmore;

ONLY TWO TENNIS MATCHES YESTERDAY

Crawford And
Gray Beaten

TWO WALK-OVERS CONCEDED

(By "ADREM")

Further progress was made in the Colony Lawn Tennis Championships at the Hong Kong C. C. yesterday afternoon, although only two matches were actually played.

In the singles, Paul Kong was much too good for W. A. S. Grant and won very much as he liked. The loser gave a plucky display and always tried, but the fluent stroking of his opponent combined with subtle variations of pace, proved far more than he could cope with.

S. A. Gray and A. Crawford were expected to do very much better against P. F. Tsoi and Ng Kam Chuen than they actually did. The latter emerged winners in two closely contested sets.

GRAY ERRATIC

Gray proved erratic in his service and his ground strokes, but was responsible for some excellent volleying. Crawford played a fairly good all-round game, his biggest apparent weakness being overhead, where he was unable to "kill".

The winners played cool, confident tennis, featured by crisp volleying and fine combination and thoroughly deserved their win.

Owing to the death of the father of In Tak-cheuk, which has necessitated him scratching from all the events, P. C. Lee and M. C. Ma received a walkover, while Evans and Marton also entered the next round at the expense of Holmes and Tomlinson, who have scratched.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Open Singles
Paul Kong beat W. A. S. Grant 6-2, 6-0.
Open Doubles
P. F. Tsoi and Ng Kam-chuen beat S. A. Gray and A. Crawford 5-6, 6-4.
P. C. Lee and M. C. Ma received a (Continued at foot of next col.)

Rivers, Bedford, Boyle, Brown and Percival.
Engineers—Selleck, Ferris and Coleman; Wilford, Boyling and Dewall; Beal, Woods, Darby, Howlett and Hurst.

COLONY LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fixtures For
Next Week

The following are the Colony Lawn Tennis Championship fixtures for the coming week:

MONDAY

Open Singles

A. Crawford v G. C. Burnett
H. D. Rumjahn v Luk Chun-cheung
Capt. Coppinger v S. S. Chin.

Open Doubles

Ng Sze-kwong and Hon Luen-fung v H. T. Bee and H. Y. Hsu.

Club Championship

B. O'M. Deane v F. A. Redmond.

Club Handicap Singles

R. M. M. King (+3.6) v J. Thomson (-1.6).
A. K. Mackenzie (+1.6) v R. K. Valentine (+1.6).
A. C. I. Bowker (scr.) v T. C. Monaghan (-4.6).

Club Mixed Doubles

A. S. Read and Miss Armstrong v F. V. Harrison and Miss Dowdell.

TUESDAY

Open Singles

F. V. Harrison v Ma Nai-kwong
H. Owen-Hughes v Ng Kam-chuen
Li Kwan-hung v Chan Kam-hung.

Open Doubles

F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang v A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios.

Club Handicap Singles

C. C. Stark (+3.6) v G. Polglase (-1.6).

Club Handicap Doubles

F. F. Nigel and R. M. M. King (+4.6) v E. M. Bryden and D. S. Robb (+1.5).

Club Mixed Doubles

Wooding and Miss Ward v J. C. Pool and Miss Allen.
R. L. D. Wodehouse and Mrs. Wodehouse v J. F. L. Smalley and Miss Smalley.

WEDNESDAY

Open Singles

Lee Wai-tong v J. F. Leys
Wong Fuk-man v H. Y. Ho
S. A. Rumjahn v F. Grose.

Club Handicap Singles

G. S. Chambers (+3.6) v J. C. Pool (+2.6).

W. M. Barton (+1.6) v J. R. Collis (+1.5).

F. A. Joseph (+2.6) v N. K. Littlejohn (-1.3.6).

Club Handicap Doubles

J. E. Richardson and R. M. Wood (+3.6) v W. Stoker and D. L. Prophet (+3.6).

Club Mixed Doubles

A. L. Sullivan and Mrs. Sullivan v R. K. Valentine and Mrs. Valentine.

T. C. Monaghan and Miss Carrigan v Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie.

THURSDAY

Club Championship

J. C. Pool v V. R. Gordon
A. S. Read v R. M. Wood
H. Owen-Hughes v T. C. Monaghan.

Open Doubles

Wong Shu-wing and Luk Ding-cheung v Y. N. Tam and S. Wong.

A. M. Rodrigues and L. A. Silva v H. P. Ong and J. Hsu.

S. A. Gray and A. Crawford v P. F. Tsoi and Ng Kam-chuen.

Club Handicap Doubles

G. W. Sewell and E. Bathurst (-3.0) v A. H. McBride and N. K. Littlejohn (+2.6).

FRIDAY

Open Singles

Wei Chung v S. S. Hussain
E. C. Fincher v P. F. Tsoi
P. H. Kwok v C. P. Ip

A. Warr v S. W. Liang.

Club Championship

F. V. Harrison v A. C. I. Bowker.

Club Handicap Singles

D. S. Robb (+1.5) v A. H. McBride (+2.6).

Club Handicap Doubles

M. Pagh and J. Thomson (-5.5) v O. C. E. Marton and B. D. Evans (-15.4).

C. C. Stark and F. A. Joseph (scr.) v J. Rodger and G. S. Rodger (-5.4).

W.O. from Lee Wai-tong and In Tak-cheuk.

O. E. C. Marton and D. B. Evans received a W.O. from J. D. Holmes and J. D. Tomlinson.

Club Championship

G. E. R. Dwyer beat J. F. L. Smalley 6-3, 6-2.

Club Handicap Singles

E. R. Childs (-1.4.6) beat R. M. Wood (-3.6) 6-3, 6-3.

M. Pagh (-3.6) beat D. L. Prophet (-2.6) 6-1, 7-5.



J. L. Bonnar, above, the Club and Colony Interport Rugby scrum-half, will not be seen against the Royal Welch Fusiliers to-day in the annual match against the Club.

ENGLAND RUGBY TEAM WANT SPEED

FAILURE OF THE HALF-BACKS

SPLIT-SECOND DIFFERENCE

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)
London, February 17.

Now that the smoke of battle has blown away we can see the match between England and Ireland in somewhat better perspective. It was a grand match, and Ireland were unlucky to lose. There, I think, we shall agree. And it is pleasant to reflect that international football has been put fairly and squarely on the map again.

Now why was it that the English backs, particularly in the second half, could make so little headway, though the ball came to them so often? Can we argue with reason that Kemp, Candler and Cranmer were at fault, and that England will have to find three new midfield players before the Calcutta Cup match?

THAT SPLIT SECOND
We are sometimes, in my opinion, too ready to criticise half-backs and centre-three-quarters. It is so difficult for even the most sympathetic and knowledgeable observer in the stand to tell exactly what is happening on the field of play. A pack may heel consistently, but the ball may come back a shade too slow-

WALES' TWO RUGBY FAILURES

SELECTORS OUT OF TOUCH WITH MODERN GAME

SECOND CLASS CLUBS' INFLUENCE

(By ROWE HARDING)

London, February 17.

AT the beginning of the present season, no Welshman, however pessimistic would have believed it possible that Wales would have lost her first two international matches, and, now that the impossible has happened, there is a feeling not merely of disappointment, but of indignation. The indignation is directed against the selectors, who are held to have blundered over the choice of the Welsh pack for the English match, and still more over the selection of the Welsh back division for the Scottish game.

I know it is easy to be wise after the event, but this time I think the criticism is justified. I am sorry to have to say it, but the Trial matches, and the selection of the two Welsh teams, have proved that the selector have been sadly unequal to their task.

We have to face the fact that, not only this season, but in many other recent seasons, the chances of Wales in the international tournament have been ruined by the inability of the selectors to make the best use of the abundant talent available. To put it frankly, they do not know their job.

Is it really to be wondered at? Out of the 25 members of the Union only two, Horace Lyne and Harry Packer, have played for their country, the former in the 'eighties, the latter in the 'nineties. There is no representative of the golden age of Welsh Rugby, 1900-1911, and no representative of post-war Rugby.

I see no hope for Welsh International Rugby until means are found of electing as selectors men who have played, and who understand, rugby as it is to-day.

The trouble is that the game in Wales is completely in the hands of the second-class clubs.

ly, and we must remember that a split second makes all the difference between success and failure in attack.

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A. H. R. Butcher, above, the Club Rugby stand-off-half, will also be an absentee from to-day's match against the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

clubs, divided by districts. In each district the second-class clubs outnumber the first-class clubs by nine or ten to one, and so it is the man who can spare the time to visit, and look after the interests of the second-class clubs, who is elected.

CONCENTRATION ESSENTIAL

He must be prepared to give up all his spare time to his duties, and I have the greatest admiration for the work of such men, but as most of them have comparatively little experience of first-class Rugby, they are not as a rule good judges of first-class players.

What is to be done? To me, the obvious solution is for the clubs, at the annual meeting of the Welsh Union, to elect three or five, men, whether or not members of the Union, to undertake the task of selection. I feel sure that from among such as Tommy Vile, R. T. Gabe, Harry Packer, A. E. Freethy, Eric Evans, W. Roberts, and W. Faull we could elect a selection committee equal to any in the other countries.

CLUB MEET FUSILIERS AT RUGBY TO-DAY

MANY ABSENTEES BUT KEEN GAME ANTICIPATED

A FAIRLY exciting Rugby match should be witnessed on the A Club ground this afternoon when the Royal Welch Fusiliers and the Club first-fifteens meet in their annual encounter. The Fusiliers supplied most of the players for the Welsh International team which nearly won the local International Tournament.

There are several notable absentees from the Club fifteen, Chadwick being away from the Colony and as a result van Leeuwen will be seen on the right wing, while both Butcher and Bonnar, the stand-off-half and scrum-half are not available and their respective positions will be filled by Carruthers and Henderson, from the "A" fifteen.

Peers, the Club hooker, is another absentee and Salter, another newcomer, will hook in his stead. Cumming makes a reappearance in the Club pack, Humphreys being the absentee, having left the Colony for Home.

The Fusiliers are also not at

full strength, Brutton not being available for the scrum-half position. Preece who was supposed to have played full-back and Barry, the present pack, in the pack, will retain their usual positions.

The game will commence at 4.30 p.m. and will be refereed by Dr. J. A. R. Selby, the teams being:

Fusiliers: Barry, Jones, Lt. Rice-Evans, Davies and Wilkins, Floyd and Preece; Hoelsham, Carlisle, Mortan, Bebb, Chaney, Davies (48), Watkins and Bagby.

Club: J. P. Whitham, K. A. Munro, W. E. Grieve, H. D. Bidwell, H. van Leeuwen, M. Carruthers, J. R. Henderson, T. H. Pratt, K. W. Salter, A. F. Watkins, M. S. Cumming, I. R. Bradford, E. O'M. Deane, K. A. Watson and J. Redman.



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IRELAND BEAT WALES AT HOCKEY

Thrilling Game
At Shamshuipo
**HARRIS AND WALL
IN LIMELIGHT**

(By "STICKS")

Thrilling hockey was witnessed on the Shamshuipo military ground before a large gathering of spectators yesterday, when Ireland beat Wales by a solitary goal scored from a short-corner by Ryland after extra time had been called for, in the replay of their First Round match in the local International Tournament.

Ireland dominated the exchanges throughout and should have taken the lead during the first 70 minutes play, but Lt. Otway missed two glorious opportunities, while Capt. Ryland failed to net a rising ball from a goalmouth scrimmage. Wales too had their opportunities, but their play on the whole was very ragged and with the exception of a few players, were never in the same class as their opponents.

Ireland owe much of their victory to their splendid defence. Time and again their intermediate line were called upon to relieve a dangerous situation, while their two backs were also in the limelight with timely interceptions, Ray being outstandingly brilliant on occasions.

BIGGEST DANGER

Lt. Harris and Wall were the biggest danger in the Irish attack, the latter being brilliant with clever flick centres, while Harris worked very hard for the openings, several of which should have been a better fate. Capt. Ryland, in the centre-forward berth, worked like a Trojan, but found himself heavily marked and could achieve very little in the face of such opposition.

The Welsh backs believed in first time clearances and as a result some very robust tackling featured the play, minor infringements being plentiful.

Before going further I must say that the Umpiring was certainly never at its best, and one of the two officials in charge refused to apply the advantage rule, which ruined several interesting movements. On one occasion a short corner was awarded after Ryland had netted!

MOORE SHINES

Moore, the Irish right-half, played a very good game and thoroughly upset all the calculations of the Welsh left wing, his fine stick-work being his outstanding asset, while his passes invariably found their objective.

Callan, a member of the Inniskilling Fusiliers, who are in the Colony in connection with the Fusiliers, gave a very fine performance, at inside-right for the Irish team, his great bursts of speed and intricate stick-work often carrying him through the Welsh intermediate line, but he simply could not score.

GRIM STRUGGLE

Foy, Boston and Hayden were also outstanding in the Irish defence and I predict a grim struggle when the winners meet Portugal in the Semi-Final Round.

After a goalless 70 minutes play, Ireland took the lead in the second half of the extra period, Ryland scoring from a short corner, although Moore should have been penalised for catching the ball and then dropping it, instead of stopping the ball with the palm of his hand.



M. H. Hassan, above, gave a wonderful display in the centre-half position for India on Thursday in their unsuccessful semi-final round encounter against England in the local International hockey tournament.

RECREIO WIN MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Last Night's Keen
Badminton Tie

**KOWLOON TONG
ALSO WIN**

Club de Recreio continued in the winning vein last night when they defeated the Chinese Recreation Club by 5 games to 4 in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League, thus securing the championship for the third consecutive year.

S. P. Chan and Miss W. Cheung played magnificently to beat M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva. Oliveira still appeared to be feeling the effects of his recent encounter in the Singles Championship and did not play up to his usual form.

Kowloon Tong "A" just managed to scrape through by the odd set in nine in their fixture against the Victoria Recreation Club in the "B" Division of the Men's Doubles. Results of the two matches are as follows:

K. TONG BEAT V.R.C.

In the "B" Division of the Men's Doubles, Kowloon Tong "A" beat the Victoria Recreation Club by 5 games to 4 at Kowloon Tong last night:

N. Mackay and A. Chan (Kowloon Tong "A")	lost to S. A. Rumjahn and C. N. Silva	5-21
beat M. M. de V. Soares and W. Lawrence	21-0	
beat A. O. Barretto and A. J. Basto	21-9	
R. E. Lee and A. E. H. Castro (Kowloon Tong "A")	lost to Rumjahn and Silva	4-21
lost to Soares and Lawrence	12-21	
beat Barretto and Basto	21-7	
A. W. da Roza and K. C. Hoo (Kowloon Tong "A")	lost to Rumjahn and Silva	1-21
beat Soares and Lawrence	24-22	
beat Barretto and Basto	21-17	

"B" DIVISION MEN'S DOUBLES

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's College	11	10	1	77	13	20
Kowloon Tong "A"	12	9	3	69	39	18
St. John's	11	8	3	61	38	16
V. R. C.	9	6	3	52	29	12
S. & S. Home	11	2	9	16	74	4
St. Andrew's "B"	8	1	7	24	45	2
Kowloon Tong "B"	11	1	10	24	75	2

C.R.C. JUST LOSE

At Causeway Bay last night, Recreation "A" beat the Chinese Recreation Club by 5 games to 4 in the Mixed Doubles:	
S. P. Chan and Miss W. Cheung (Chinese R.C.)	
beat M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva	21-12
beat J. J. Remedios and Miss C. Silva	24-21
beat L. A. Carvalho and Miss O. Ribeiro	21-6
F. H. Kwok and Mrs. S. W. Liang (Chinese R.C.)	
lost to Oliveira and Silva	15-21

IMPORTANT CRICKET ENCOUNTERS

**I.R.C.'S BIG TEST THIS
AFTERNOON**

H.K.C.C. SHOULD BEAT C.C.C.

(By "ADREM")

TWO cricket matches down for decision this afternoon will be the centre of interest for all cricketers in the Colony, as both are of vital importance to the Indian R.C. and Hong Kong C.C., who are the only teams left in the race for championship honours. A win for the Indians against the Kowloon Cricket Club to-day, will give them the championship, but if they draw and the H.K.C.C. beat the Craignower, as they very likely will, a replay will be necessary.

CONTRARY TO GENERAL EXPECTATIONS, THE I.R.C. BATTING WHICH IS NORMALLY THEIR WEAKEST DEPARTMENT, CAME OFF LAST WEEK WITH A VENGEANCE AND SO WELL DID A. R. ABBAS, A. H. MADAR AND A. R. MINU PERFORM THAT THEY WERE ENABLED TO DECLARE AT 203 FOR THE LOSS OF ONLY FIVE WICKETS. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS DECLARATION WAS DELAYED UNTIL ABOUT 4.30 AND THE CLUB, REALISING THE HOPELESSNESS OF TRYING TO FORCE ISSUES IN THE SHORT TIME LEFT AT THEIR DISPOSAL, SAT ON THE SPLICE AND PLAYED OUT TIME.

This was easily the finest batting display given by the Indians for some time, but it must be remembered that owing to the sodden state of the ground last week, the wicket was dead and gave bowlers absolutely no assistance.

In view of the wet weather which prevailed throughout the week, the K.C.C. pitch is also likely to be on the damp side this afternoon, but as the sun shows definite signs of trying to break through, I foresee a wicket of the gluepot variety on which batsmen will have to struggle for runs.

FAVOUR HOME TEAM

Despite the fact that the I.R.C., even without Frank Pereira, have about the finest attack in the Colony, I think a difficult wicket is more likely to favour the home team, as their batsmen are, at the moment, showing such fine form, that they are capable of making runs in sufficient numbers to enable their bowlers, aided by the wicket, to dismiss the weaker opposition bats, for even less.

In the other big game, I am inclined to think that the Club will prove much too strong for Craignower. The latter team is liable to cause an upset against the strongest in the Colony, but they have shown such a lack of balance throughout the season that unless something very much out of the ordinary happens, they are likely to be badly beaten.

NOT FULL SIDE

I understand that the Cricket Club are having a certain amount of difficulty in raising their full side. The first extra race meeting is being held and as a result it very unlikely that F. Marshall and T. E. Pearce will be playing, while there is also the possibility that A. C. I. Bowker will be an absentee.

lost to Remedios and Silva	10-21
beat Carvalho and Ribeiro	24-22
S. W. Liang and Miss R. Perry (Chinese R.C.)	
lost to Oliveira and Silva	6-21
lost to Remedios and Silva	8-21
lost to Carvalho and Ribeiro	20-22

MIXED DOUBLES TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	10	10	0	77	11	20
Recreio "B"	10	6	4	40	50	12
Free Lancers	10	6	4	52	43	12
C. R. C.	8	5	3	43	29	10
University	8	3	5	27	35	6
Kowloon Tong	4	2	2	23	47	4
St. John's	11	2	9	23	79	4

Fortunately Harry Owen Hughes was not seriously inconvenienced by his mishap last Saturday, and is turning out. With Holden, Owen Hughes, Wodehouse, Duckitt, Frost and Stewart to take care of the attack, and no real "tail" to their batting, the Craignower will have a difficult job to cause an upset this afternoon.

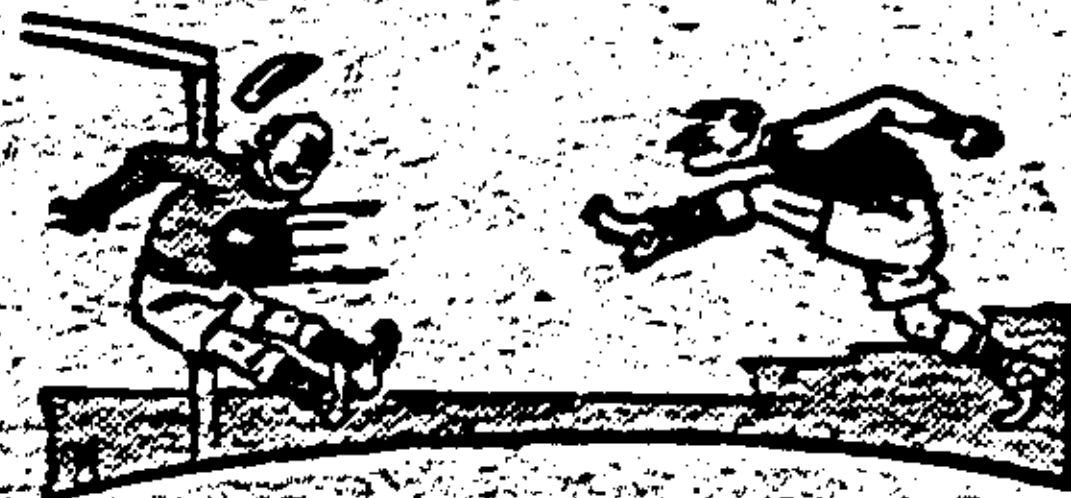
Teams:

Indian R.C.—A. H. Rumjahn (Capt.), A. A. Rumjahn, A. R. Abbas, F. M. el Arculli, M. el Arculli, Y. el Arculli, A. R. Kitchell, A. H. Madar, A. R. Minu, S. A. Ismail and K. Nazarin.

Kowloon C.C.—F. Goodwin (Capt.), E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, R. E. Lee, D. J. N. Anderson, A. W. Ramsey, S. Jex, F. A. Broadbridge, B. D. Lay, C. B. R. Sargent and N. A. E. Mackay.

Hong Kong C.C.—A. W. Hayward, R. D. Gillespie, R. L. Holden, R. L. D. Wodehouse, H. B. Neve, P. C. Frost, G. A. Stewart, E. Bathurst, E. R. Duckitt, H. Owen Hughes and H. W. Baines.

Craignower C.C.—E. Zimmermann, F. Zimmermann, G. Souza, W. Hong Sling, P. J. Billimoria, A. R. H. Ismael, A. K. Ismail, W. Rapley, A. B. Hamson, D. Hung and U. M. Omar.



SEAFORTH'S GOOD CHANCES IN THIRD DIV.

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CLUB SHOULD WIN

The strengthened Club team should account for the Athletic easily. The tenacious tackling of Shaw and Gilchrist, the wing-halves, aided by Kemp in the centre, may be a decisive factor. The most interesting game tomorrow is the clash between the Fusiliers and the Engineers in the Second Division. The former are in a favourable position for runners-up, but cannot afford to drop a point, while the Sappers have shown indifferent form in the League but seem almost unbeatable in the Shield.

DOYLE NEEDS STERNER TEST

HIS NEXT FIGHT AT WEMBLEY

CHALLENGE ISSUED BY PHILLIPS

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, February 17.

BOXING promoters would now be tumbling over each other in their haste to sign up Jack Doyle, the Irish heavyweight, against any opponent his advisers cared to name, but for the fact that he is under contract to box at Wembley. Probably he will be seen in the Empire Arena, Wembley, towards the end of March. He may be permitted to box in the meantime at another National Sporting Club show.

The rush to see Doyle at Earl's Court on Monday night, when he defeated Harry Staal, of Holland, in the sixth round, was amazing. His popularity is such that if his future, even among British heavy-weights only, is successful he will command bigger money than any British boxer has ever earned.

Money is not everything in boxing. To those who follow the professional side of the game seriously it is the least important. The man who wants British boxing to get somewhere now asks: let Doyle be matched with an opponent who will be a real test for a man who "tops the bill" and seeks the championship.

Harry Staal was no such test. He is 27, but still little better than a novice. I agree that he is abnormally "tough." But against Doyle his attack was such that no boxer with an elementary foundation of defence ought ever to be seriously hit by him. He has been beaten by British boxers who lay no claim whatever to stardom.

PHILLIPS' CHALLENGE

Eddie Phillips has issued a challenge. He would have to concede, possibly 2st, but he is a gifted boxer. Len Harvey would be an equally sound opponent. Jim Wilde, of Swansea, has been well beaten by Phillips, and Farr and Foord are already matched. There is also Neusel, the German, who would be far too good, and Jack Petersen might welcome a match.

Doyle must radically improve his defence if he is to get anywhere. A real test would prove it. The one thing I would discourage, however, is a tendency among promoters to say, "Put Doyle against anything at all, and the public will pay." In the long run "boxing be-

fore box-office" is the soundest business.

CROWLEY v. WALSH

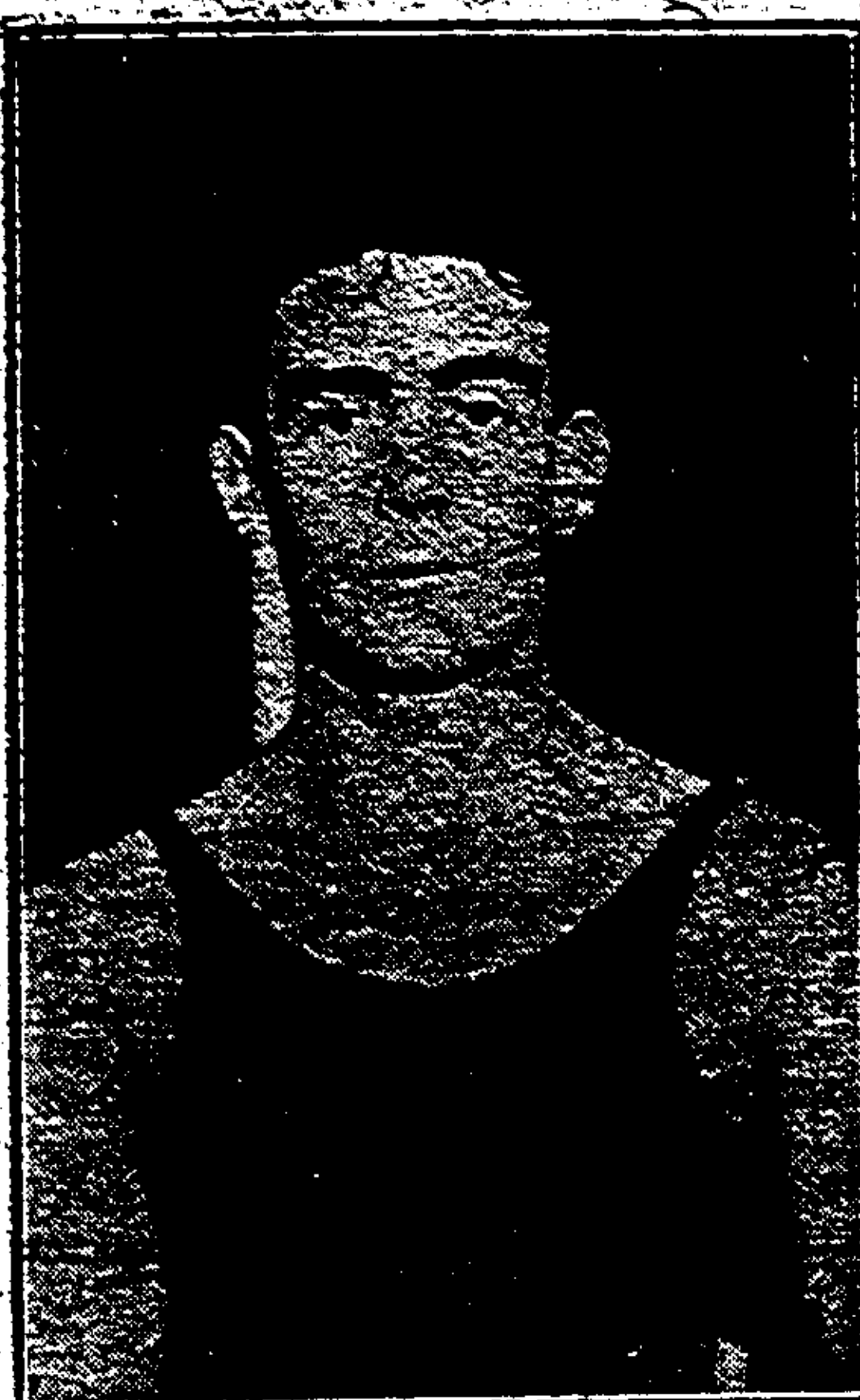
Another challenge, as the result of Monday night, is that of Dave Crowley to Jimmy Walsh, the British light-weight champion, whom Crowley beat on points at the N.S.C. Crowley is offering to put up £500 for a title match with Walsh, and the champion has signified his readiness to accept the challenge when his engagements leave him free to do so.

Crowley deserves a championship match. He has been in the light-weight class only six months, yet he has beaten Walsh, Harry Mizler, former champion, and George Reynolds, the Welsh champion.

NO PRELIMINARIES

Crowley's manager wants the Board of Control to disregard the eliminating series and match his man with Walsh for the title, but I cannot see the Board doing that.

Crowley also has cabled a demand for a world's championship fight with Lou Ambers. This is commendable enterprise, but far from sound reasoning. It would be as well if he beat Walsh first over the championship distance.



Jack Doyle, above, is one of the most popular of the British Heavy-weight boxers and after his victory over Harry Staal, of Holland, is conceded a chance of meeting some of the top-notchers.

ENGLAND RUGBY TEAM WANT SPEED

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Then there is the scrum-half to consider. Giles, to all intents and purposes, was thoroughly efficient against Ireland, and yet the significant fact remains that Kemp was a different player, and a far more successful one, with J. D. Low as his partner behind the Cambridge pack.

AWKWARD TO EVADE

One more point. Ireland are invariably awkward opponents for a side which attempts orthodox attack. Whenever Ireland lose the ball Irish backs lie right up ready to smother the opposing three-quarters.

This shallow formation is vulnerable to the quick cut through, but often it reduces the opposition to the despairing policy of short punting. We must agree, moreover, that on Saturday the Irish tackling was tremendous.

Even so, when all allowances are made, was the English attack satisfactory? Put it this way, and I think the answer becomes plain—suppose C. A. Kershaw and W. J. A. Davies had been the half-backs behind that English pack, would the England score have consisted merely of two opportunist tries and a penalty goal? I fancy these two great players would have found a way to beat the Irish defence not once, but several times.

LACKED SPEED AND VARIETY

The truth is that speed and variety were lacking in the English attack. These midfield players of ours seemed to have no conception of drawing a man or making an opening. They were not moving fast enough when the ball reached them, and often they passed much too soon. Ireland's beautiful copy-book try from a set scrum gave us a perfect example of constructive play in mid-field.

I suggest, therefore, that England's primary need is more speed at half-back. A faster pass from the scrum, to begin with, and a stand-off half who is quicker into his stride and able to carry the attack further than Kemp.

At present our attack is undeveloped and formless. It must be considerably sharpened. The trouble is that the sharpening process is by no means easy.

GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Alexander Sandor Konya, of Harbour View, Chatham Road, Kowloon, is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary.

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Hong Kong, 11th. March, 1937.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 22nd March, 1937, at Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1936.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from 12th to 22nd March, 1937, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

THE HONG KONG FIRE
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 25th March 1937, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1936.

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Hong Kong, 5th March, 1937.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Power of Attorney dated the 29th day of March, 1934 given by Mr. Chau Man-chee otherwise Chau Man Chi to Mr. Mok Tat Huen to manage the Imports and Exports Department of the firm of Chau Yue Teng of China Building has by Deed dated the 6th day of March, 1937, been revoked.

Dated the 6th day of March, 1937.

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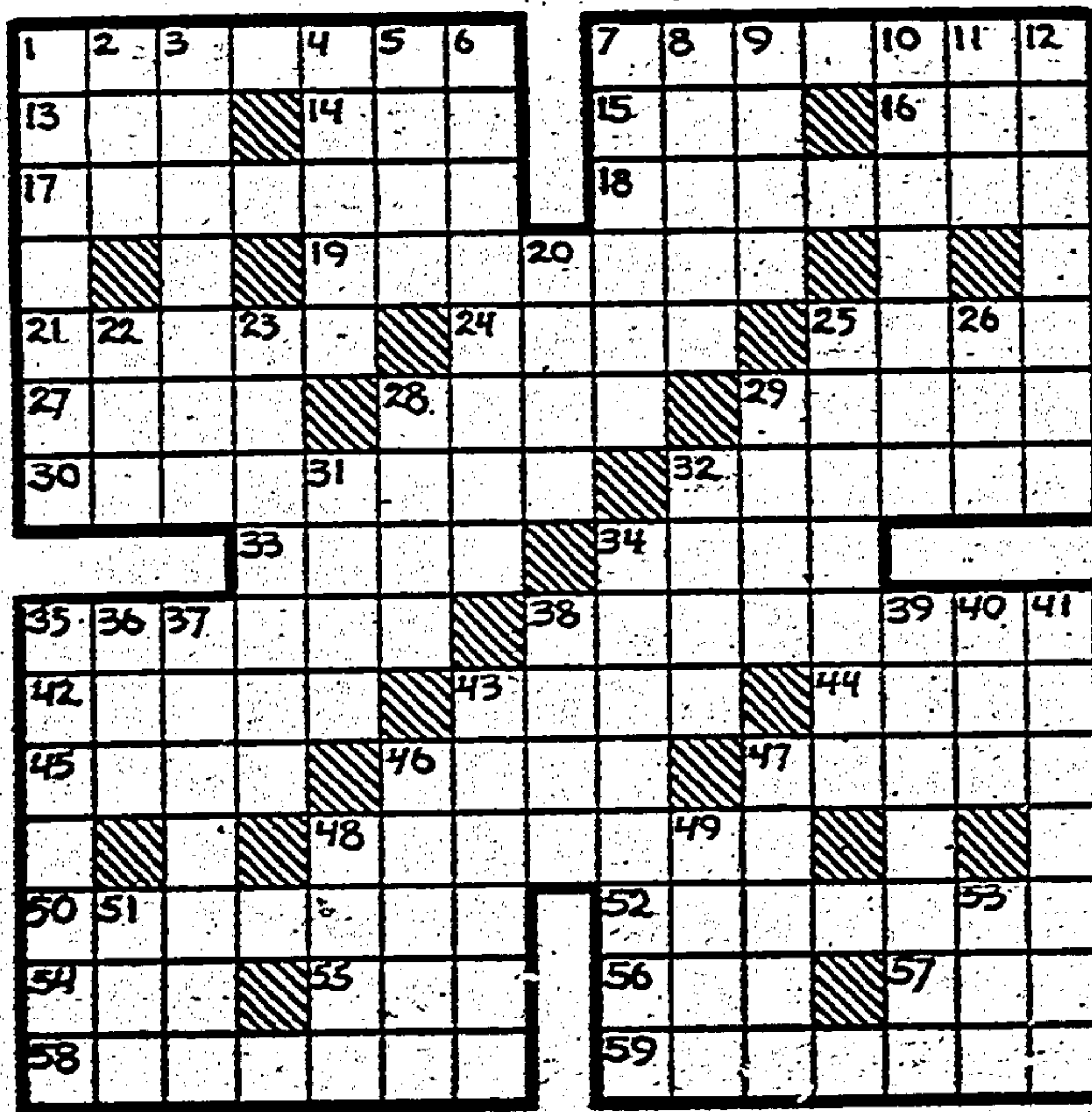
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-world puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-To device
- 7-Comes into view
- 13-Snare
- 14-Japanese coin
- 15-A beverage
- 16-Suitable
- 17-Struck fast in mud
- 18-Cubic capacity of a merchant vessel
- 19-Before much time has passed
- 21-Aside
- 24-Lefty
- 25-Diminutive suffix
- 27-Egyptian river
- 28-Equal
- 29-Guide
- 30-The maker of a will
- 32-Saves
- 33-Game as Hagar (Bible)
- 34-To condemn
- 35-Continued story
- 38-Separations
- 42-A Finnish island
- 43-Slash
- 44-Low tide
- 45-Small rugs
- 46-Extend over

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 47-Pass collectively
- 48-Oblong shallow dish
- 50-Calm
- 52-Pressing devices
- 54-Born
- 55-Wild (Scott.)
- 56-Superlative suffix
- 57-So (Scott.)
- 58-City thoroughfare
- 59-More obese

VERTICAL

- 1-A moment
- 2-Joined
- 3-Small Moorish drums
- 4-Small island
- 5-Never (cont.)
- 6-Undertake
- 7-Accord homage to a lord (Feudal Law)
- 8-A flower
- 9-Sudden pain
- 10-Long tapering tube used in chemistry
- 11-Floor covering
- 12-Devices for removing seeds

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 20-Grimace
- 22-A pastry
- 23-Holds
- 25-Loosely woven fabric
- 26-Golf mound
- 28-And others (Lat. Abbr.)
- 29-Stain
- 31-A beach-plant (Ecol.)
- 32-Classify
- 34-Delicious things
- 35-Chinese boats
- 36-Note in Guido's scale
- 37-Kind of serpent
- 38-Piece of ground
- 39-Nattiest
- 40-Auto fuel
- 41-An English poet
- 43-A garden tool (pl.)
- 44-Rain and ice
- 47-Combining form
- 48-A burning pile
- 49-Formerly (Post.)
- 51-Permit
- 53-Roe (Scott.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue.

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NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO TOKYO

London, To-day.

Sir Robert Henry Clive, British Ambassador to Tokyo, has been appointed Ambassador to Brussels, while Sir Robert Craigie will succeed him in the Japanese capital.

Sir Edmund Ovey, Ambassador in Brussels, has been transferred to Buenos Aires.—Reuter.

Sir Robert Craigie has been Assistant Under-Secretary of State in the Foreign Office since 1934. The greater part of his diplomatic career latterly has been spent at Whitehall. He was First Secretary in Washington in 1920 and Charge D'Affaires in 1921, and he was transferred to the Foreign Office in 1923, becoming Counsellor in 1928.

His appointment to Japan is his first Ambassadorship.

Sir Robert Clive has been Ambassador in Japan since 1934. Prior to that he served in Rome, Tokyo, Cairo, Berne, Stockholm and Peking, as Minister in Teheran and Minister to the Holy See.

WILD FLUCTUATIONS IN TIN MARKET

London, To-day.

Tin prices fluctuated wildly yesterday following the alteration in the quota, which the International Committee recently fixed at 100 per cent., values declining £25.

Traders, believing that producers, apart from those in Malaya, will be unable to produce larger quotas, and maintaining that world consumption is above the estimate of the International Tin Committee, subsequently caused prices to be marked up.

Closing levels even showed a small advance compared with last night's close.—Reuter.

IRELAND-WALES RUGBY CLASSIC POSTPONED

Belfast, Yesterday.

To-morrow's Rugby international match between Ireland and Wales has been postponed. The heavy fall of snow here has made the ground unfit for play, and the encounter will be held on April 3.—Reuter.

Army And Air Force Estimates

London, To-day.

The Air estimates will be taken in the Commons on Monday and the Army estimates on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the appointment will be moved of a Select Committee to consider a message from the King relating to the Civil list which will be delivered to the House on Tuesday.—British Wire-les.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. Inayettullah Cemal Ozkaya to act as Consul-General of Turkey in London with jurisdiction in the Colonies, Protectorates and Mandate for which is exercised by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom has received His Majesty's signature.

The juries' list for 1937 appears in the "Government Gazette."

OXFORD'S FULL COURSE ROW

Slow Time Recorded

London, To-day.

The Oxford University boat race crew rowed their first full course trial from Putney to Mortlake yesterday in 22 minutes 36 seconds.

Intermediate times were, the Milepost in 4 minutes 38 seconds; Hammersmith Bridge in 8 minutes 16 seconds; Chiswick Steps in 13 minutes 36 seconds and Barnes Bridge in 19 minutes 4 seconds.

A flood tide gave the crew little assistance while rough water was experienced in the later stages.

Close spectators of the trial were the Cambridge crew.—Reuter.

UNITED HOCKEY TOURNAMENT ENCOUNTER

A doubtful goal robbed H.M.S. Tamar of victory when they met the Seaforth Highlanders yesterday at King's Park in a United Hockey Tournament match, each side scoring once.

After a goalless first half, Sergeant Wright, inside left for the Seaforths, appeared to kick the ball in the circle before scoring. It was late in the game before Trace equalised for the Tamar.

Anti-Gas Protection Examination

Dr. J. E. Dovey having completed a course of lectures on anti-gas protection at the St. John Ambulance Brigade headquarters, it is intended to hold an Examination under the auspices of the Association at an early date. Members of the Brigade who wish to be examined on the subject are requested to communicate their names to the Secretary as soon as possible.

Egypt's Admission To League

Geneva, To-day.

Britain has requested the Secretary-General of the League to convene a special meeting of the Assembly for the admission of Egypt to the League.

It is suggested that the Assembly will meet at the end of May when the Council is next due to assemble.—Reuter.

Dinner Parties At Palace

London, To-day.

The King and Queen are giving two dinner parties next week at Buckingham Palace.

They will be held in the State Room and the gold plate dinner service will be used.—Reuter.

Petty Officer's Wedding

Petty Officer Alfred Henry Oades, of H.M.S. Medway, has announced that his marriage to Miss Ann Marie Fox, of No. 22, Humphreys Building, Kowloon, will shortly take place.

Geneva, To-day.

The Committee of Experts preparing the statute and fundamental law for the Sanjak of Alexandretta are again working under the chairmanship of M. Bourquin (Belgium).—British Wire-les.

AMBASSADOR'S VISIT

Official Calls In
Hankow

Hankow, To-day.

Sir Hughe Montgomery Knatchbull-Hugessen, the British Ambassador to China, who arrived at Hankow yesterday afternoon, will pay a visit to General Ho Hsing-tsun, Director of the Hankow Headquarters, at 10 o'clock this morning and later General Huang Shao-hung, the Governor of Hupei.

A banquet will be given in his honour this evening by General Huang. It is learned that Sir Knatchbull-Hugessen will leave Hankow for Canton to-morrow.—Our Own Correspondent.

BARMAN SETS THE TONE

Ramsay MacDonald's
Daughter

Miss Ishbel MacDonald, daughter of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and licensee of the Plough Inn, Speen, Bucks, discussed some of the problems of bar-keeping with young men who, under a scheme devised by the Restaurant Public Houses Association, have been brought from the Special Areas to be trained and placed as barmen in London.

The occasion was the annual reunion of the association at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Victoria. Miss MacDonald, as president of the Training Branch, presided.

"Very hard, very interesting, very enjoyable," was her description of work in a public house.

"Now that I have been working in an inn," she said, "I realise what a responsibility your work is. You are in touch with all kinds of people, and you can 'set the tone' of all the houses in which you are working."

"There are some public houses which are an insult to the working men who frequent them. You can make them all fit for any person to go into — they should be places in which people can spend their time in happy companionship."

600 Boys Helped To Posts

Mr. W. S. Douglas, representing the Ministry of Labour, which collaborates with the association in its work, said that since 1932, when the scheme was started, 600 boys had been helped to positions. Last year 206 boys had been placed in satisfactory and permanent employment.

It was announced during the meeting that the scheme was to be extended to Scotland this year. A secondary course of training, which would fit men to become public-house managers, was also to be organised.

Mrs. Neville Chamberlain, who attended as a guest, said she had been touched by the surprise of a working man who had called on her and found that she really knew something about the plight of the Special Areas.

Sino-Japanese Relations

Nanking, To-day.

Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, the Chinese Ambassador to Japan, who is in Nanking, interviewed Dr. Wang Chung-hui, yesterday morning.—Our Own Correspondent.

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CHURCHMEN ON SPAIN

No 'Anti-God'
Movement

Outstanding points in the unanimous report issued by a group of British churchmen who have returned from a 12-day visit to Barcelona, Valencia and Madrid are: "We found no evidence of 'anti-God' propaganda in Spain;

"Protestant churches and pastors have been practically unmolested; "Roman Catholic churches have been destroyed and priests killed."

The group consisted of the Dean of Chichester, the Very Rev. A. S. Duncan Jones, the Dean of Rochester, the Very Rev. Francis Underhill, the Rev. Henry Carter, Social Welfare Secretary, Methodist Church; Mr. Percy Bartlett, Society of Friends; the Rev. Philip Usher, chaplain to the Bishop of Gloucester; and Mr. Henry Brinton, who organised the party. The inquiry was limited to territories under Spanish Government rule.

"We found no evidence," states the report, "of an organised 'Godless' propaganda such as has existed in Soviet Russia. We were unable, on inquiry, to hear of any caricatures of God, of Christ, or of the Virgin and Saints, such as have been features of 'anti-God' propaganda in other countries."

There is a strong anti-clerical movement, it is stated, but not in the Basque country, where the clergy have lived in close sympathy with their people. In all the territory visited all Catholic churches were either closed or secularised.

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